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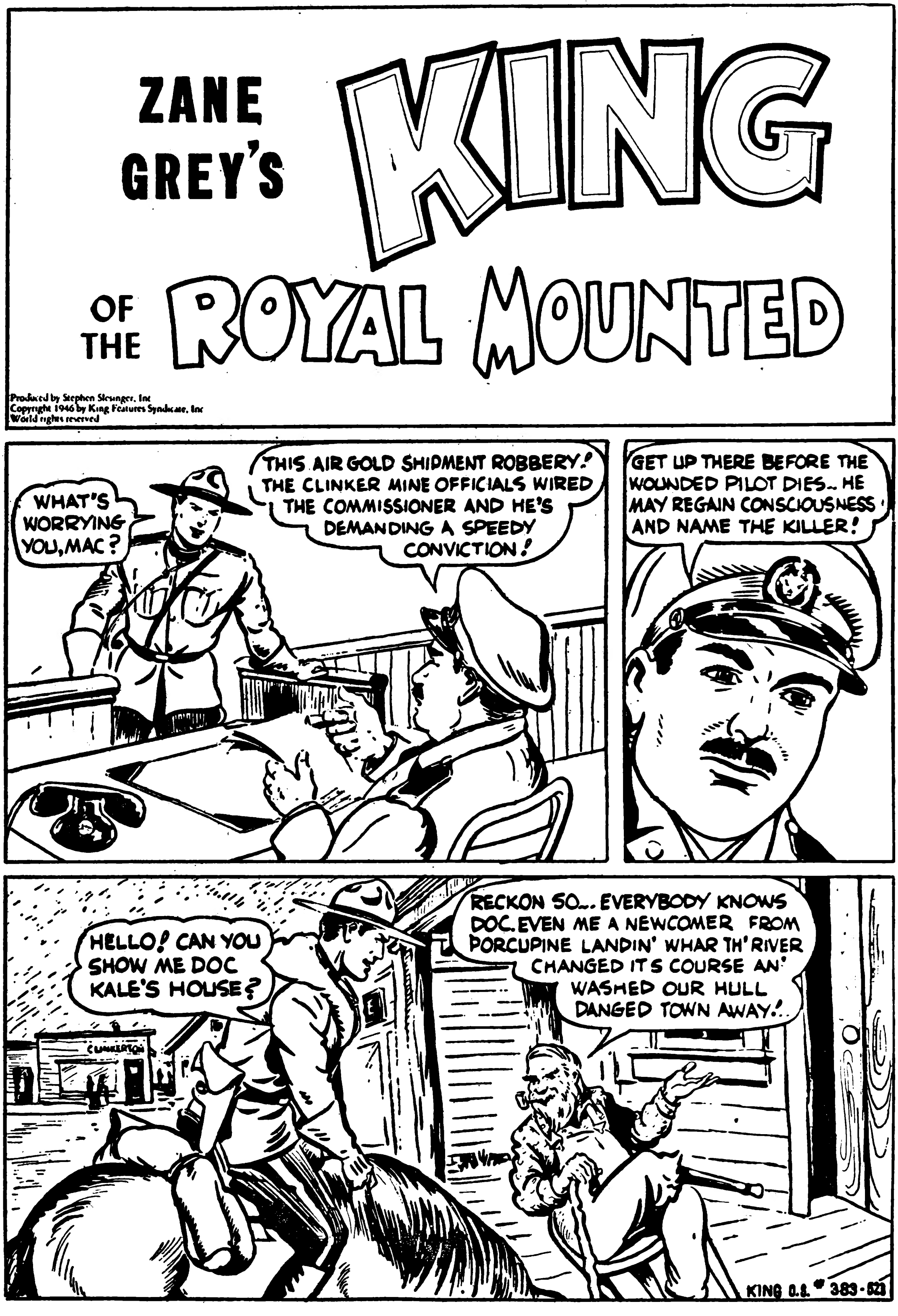
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WHAT'S WORRYING YOU, MAC?
THIS AIR GOLD SHIPMENT ROBBERY! THE CLINKER MINE OFFICIALS WIRED THE COMMISSIONER AND HE'S DEMANDING A SPEEDY CONVICTION!
GET UP THERE BEFORE THE WOUNDED PILOT DIES.. HE MAY REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS AND NAME THE KILLER!
HELLO! CAN YOU SHOW ME DOC KALE'S HOUSE?
RECKON SO... EVERYBODY KNOWS DOC. EVEN ME A NEWCOMER FROM PORCUPINE LANDIN' WHAR TH' RIVER CHANGED ITS COURSE AN' WASHED OUR HULL DANGED TOWN AWAY!..
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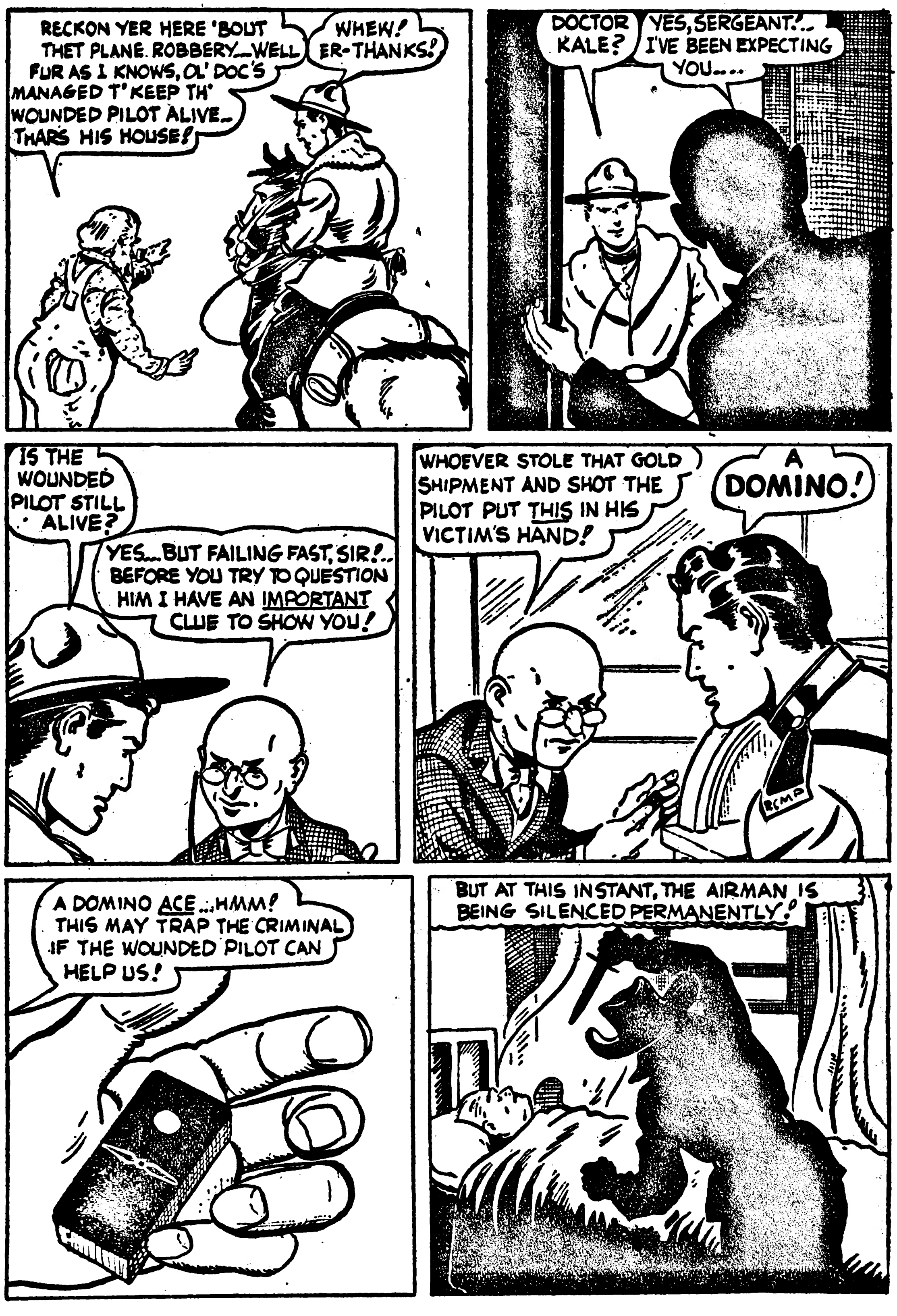
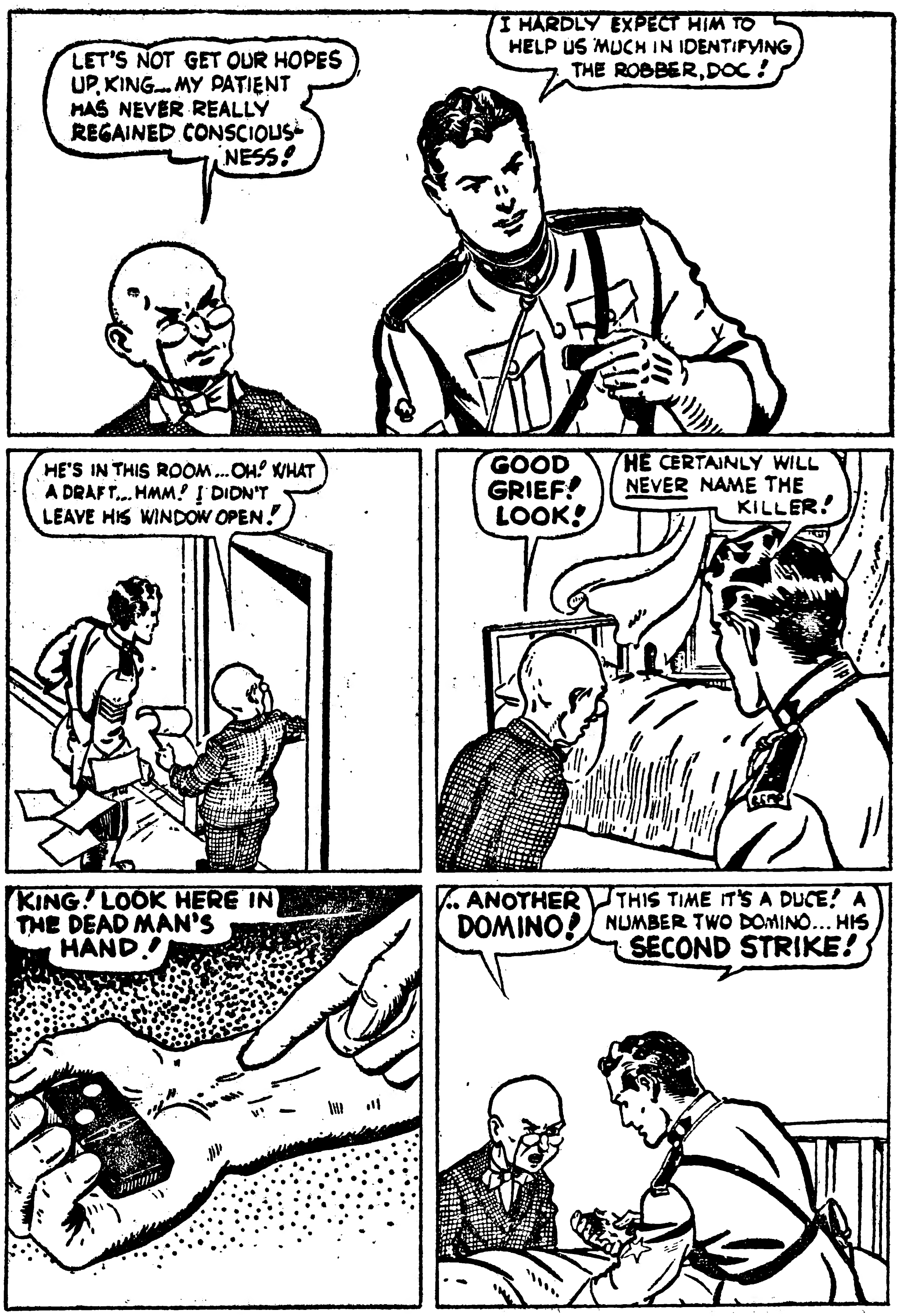
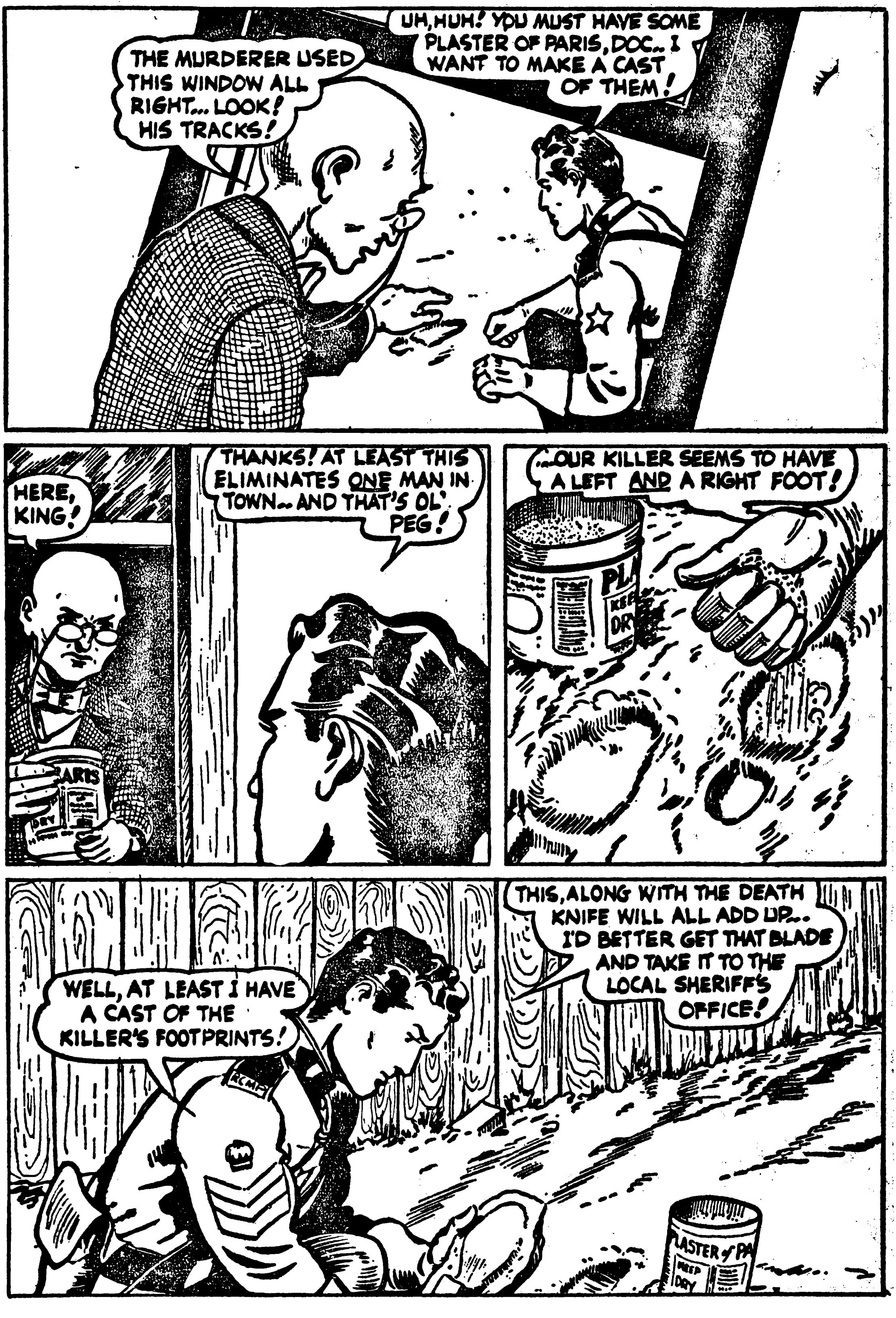
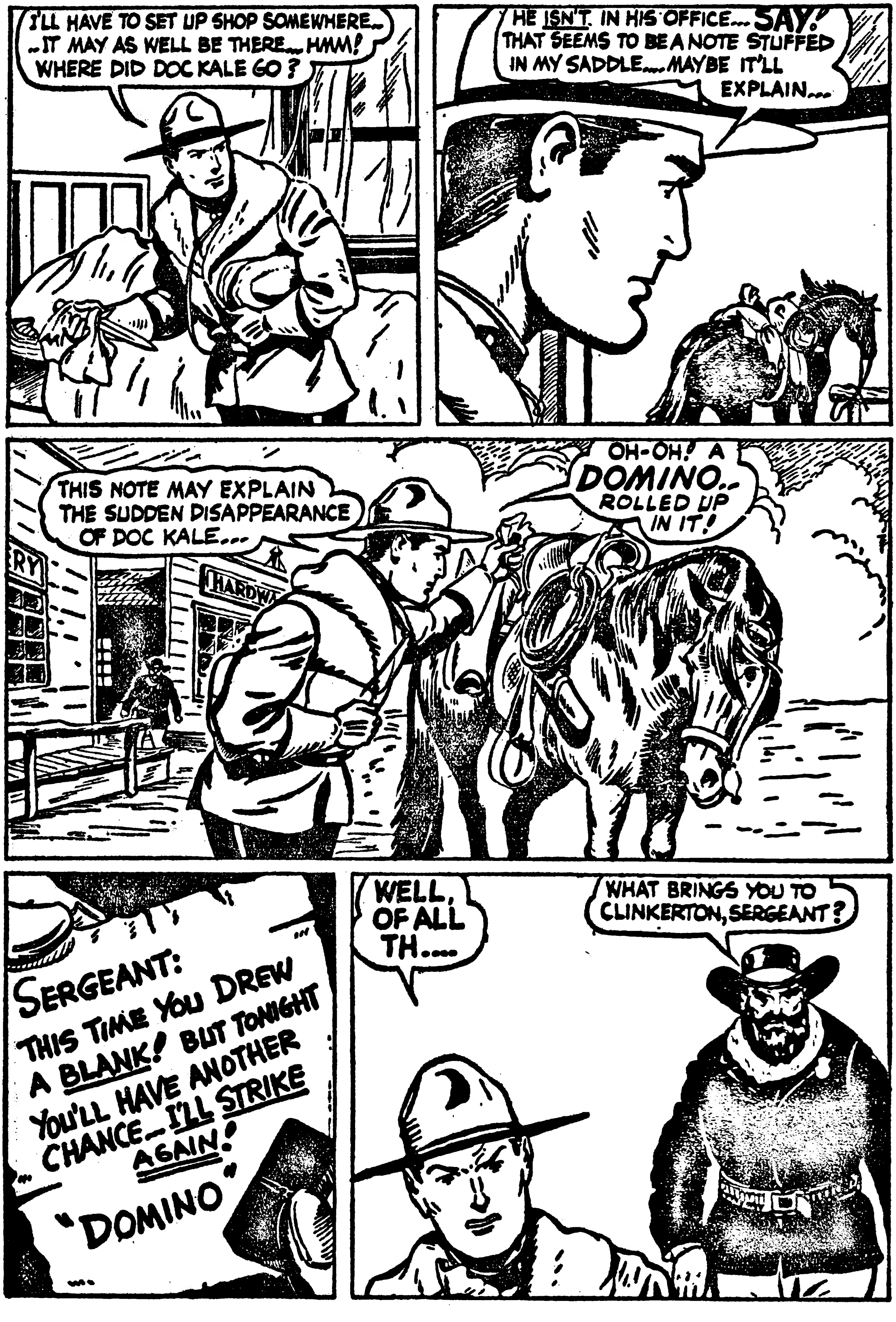
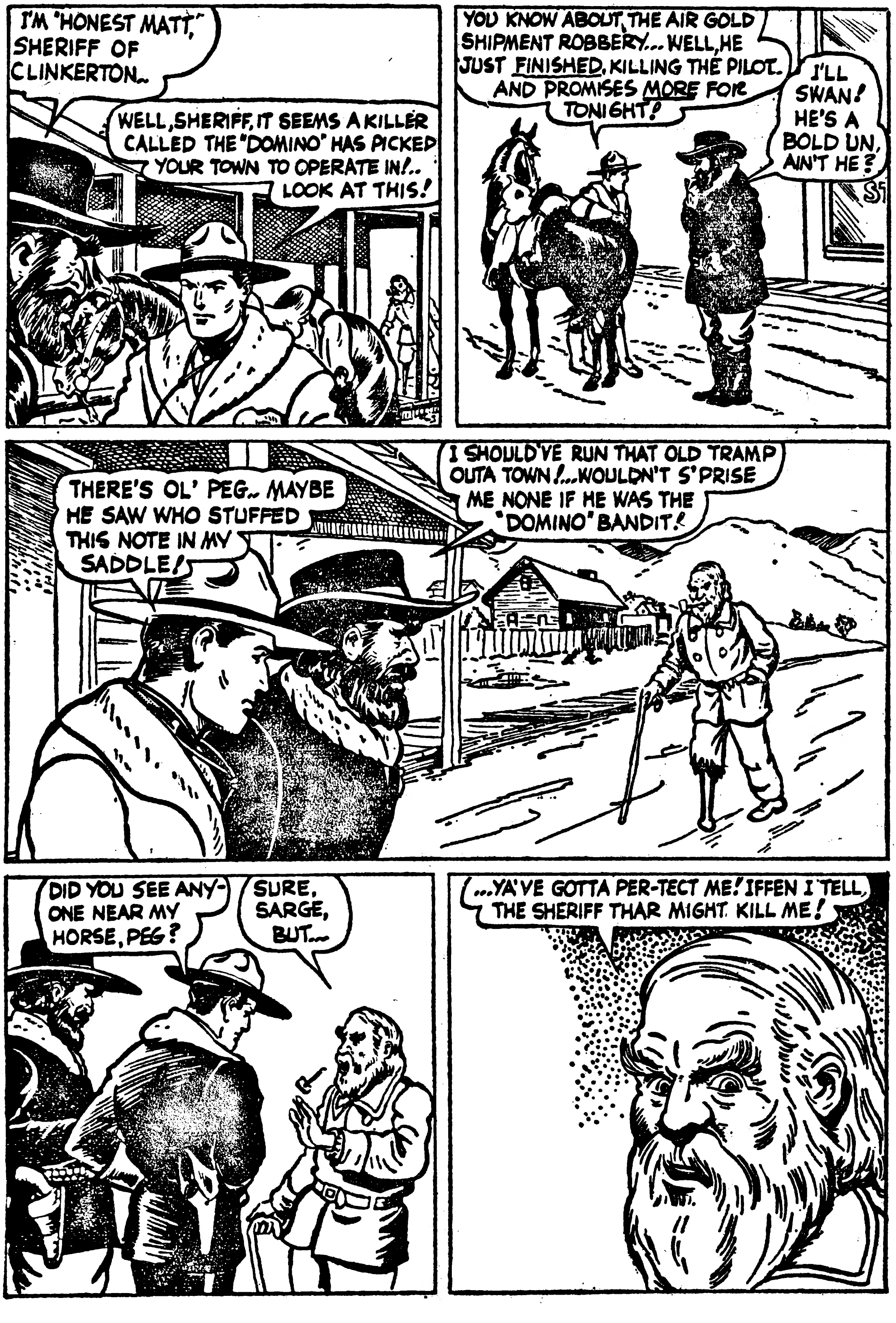
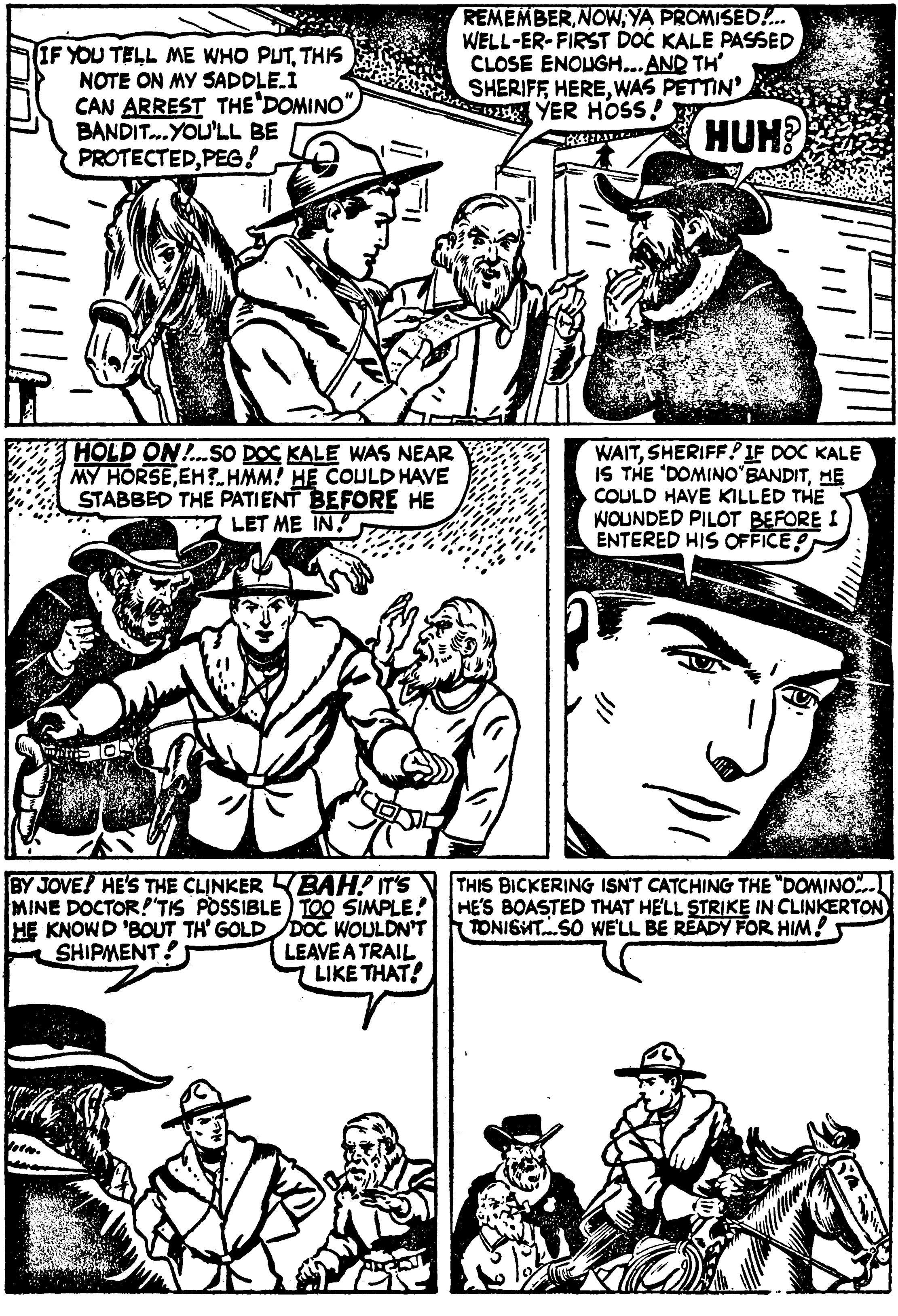

RECKON YER HERE 'BOUT THET PLANE ROBBERY...WELL FUR AS I KNOWS, OL' DOC'S MANAGED T' KEEP TH' WOUNDED PILOT ALIVE... THAR'S HIS HOUSE!
WHEW! ER-THANKS!
DOCTOR KALE?
YES, SERGEANT!.. I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU....
IS THE WOUNDED PILOT STILL ALIVE?
YES...BUT FAILING FAST, SIR!.. BEFORE YOU TRY TO QUESTION HIM I HAVE AN IMPORTANT CLUE TO SHOW YOU!
WHOEVER STOLE THAT GOLD SHIPMENT AND SHOT THE PILOT PUT THIS IN HIS VICTIM'S HAND!
A DOMINO!
RCMP
A DOMINO ACE...HMM! THIS MAY TRAP THE CRIMINAL IF THE WOUNDED PILOT CAN HELP US!
BUT AT THIS INSTANT, THE AIRMAN IS BEING SILENCED PERMANENTLY!

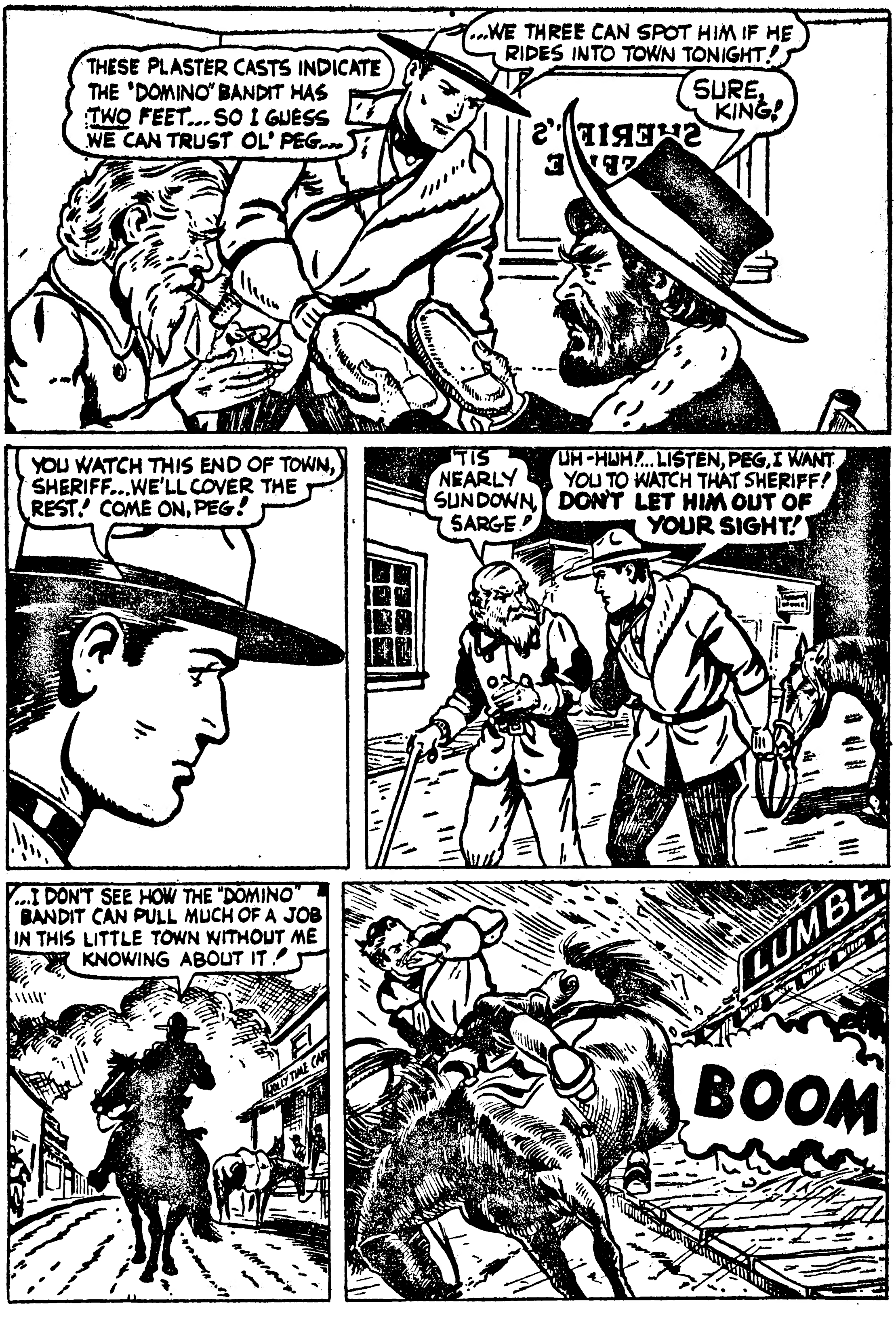

LET'S NOT GET OUR HOPES UP, KING... MY PATIENT HAS NEVER REALLY REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS!
I HARDLY EXPECT HIM TO HELP US MUCH IN IDENTIFYING THE ROBBER, DOC!
HE'S IN THIS ROOM...OH! WHAT A DRAFT...HMM! I DIDN'T LEAVE HIS WINDOW OPEN!
GOOD GRIEF! LOOK!
HE CERTAINLY WILL NEVER NAME THE KILLER!
KING! LOOK HERE IN THE DEAD MAN'S HAND!
.. ANOTHER DOMINO!
THIS TIME IT'S A DUCE! A NUMBER TWO DOMINO... HIS SECOND STRIKE!

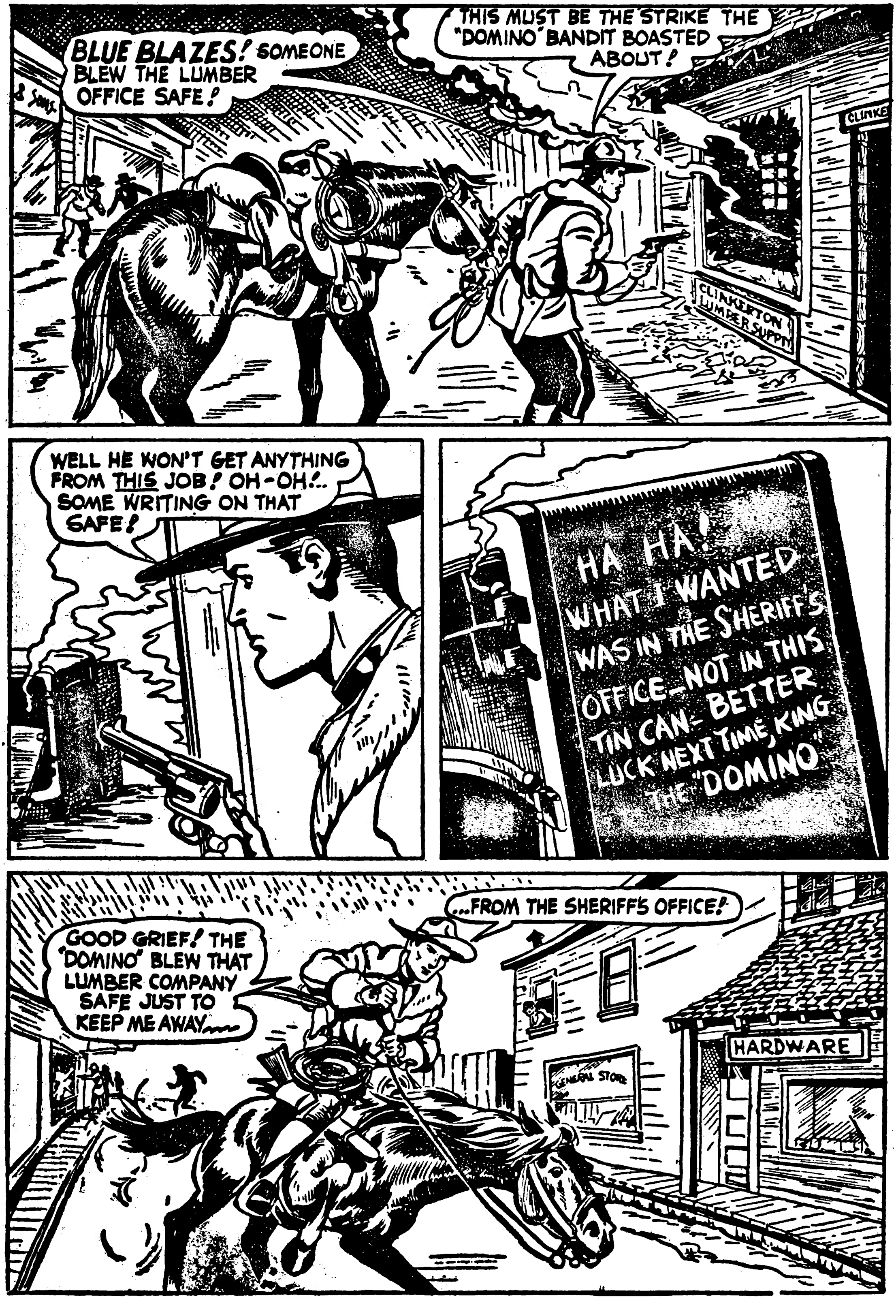

THE MURDERER USED THIS WINDOW ALL RIGHT... LOOK! HIS TRACKS!
UH, HUH! YOU MUST HAVE SOME PLASTER OF PARIS, DOC.. I WANT TO MAKE A CAST OF THEM!
HERE, KING!
PARIS
DRY
THANKS! AT LEAST THIS ELIMINATES ONE MAN IN TOWN.. AND THAT'S OL' PEG!
..OUR KILLER SEEMS TO HAVE A LEFT AND A RIGHT FOOT!
PLA
KEE
DR
WELL, AT LEAST I HAVE A CAST OF THE KILLER'S FOOTPRINTS!
THIS, ALONG WITH THE DEATH KNIFE WILL ALL ADD UP.. I'D BETTER GET THAT BLADE AND TAKE IT TO THE LOCAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE!
RCMP
PLASTER of PA
KEEP DRY

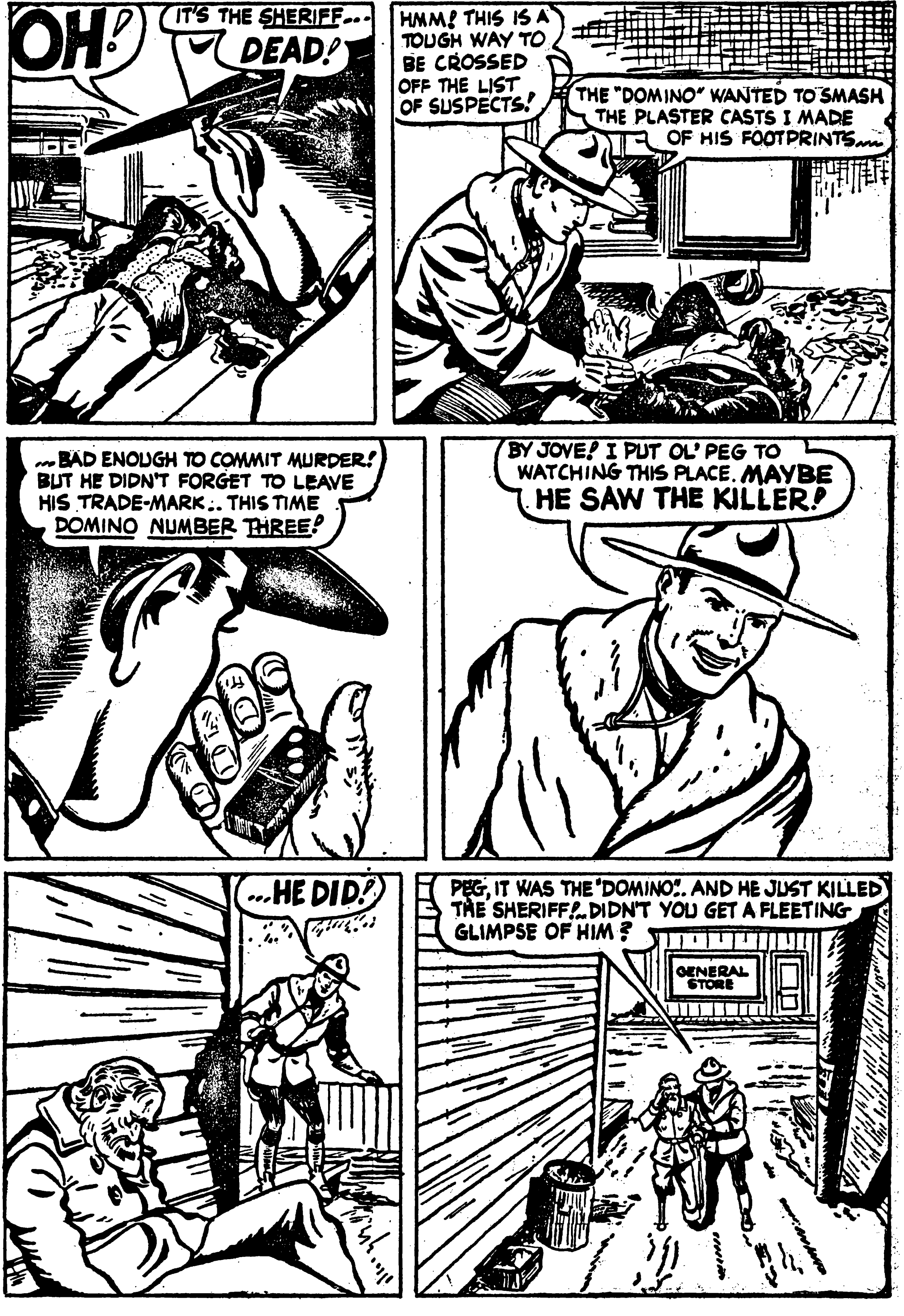

I'LL HAVE TO SET UP SHOP SOMEWHERE.. ..IT MAY AS WELL BE THERE... HMM! WHERE DID DOC KALE GO ?
HE ISN'T IN HIS OFFICE... SAY! THAT SEEMS TO BE A NOTE STUFFED IN MY SADDLE.... MAYBE IT'LL EXPLAIN...
THIS NOTE MAY EXPLAIN THE SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE OF DOC KALE...
OH-OH! A DOMINO.. ROLLED UP IN IT!
RY
HARDW
SERGEANT: THIS TIME YOU DREW A BLANK! BUT TONIGHT YOU'LL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE.. I'LL STRIKE AGAIN! "DOMINO"
WELL, OF ALL TH....
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO CLINKERTON, SERGEANT?

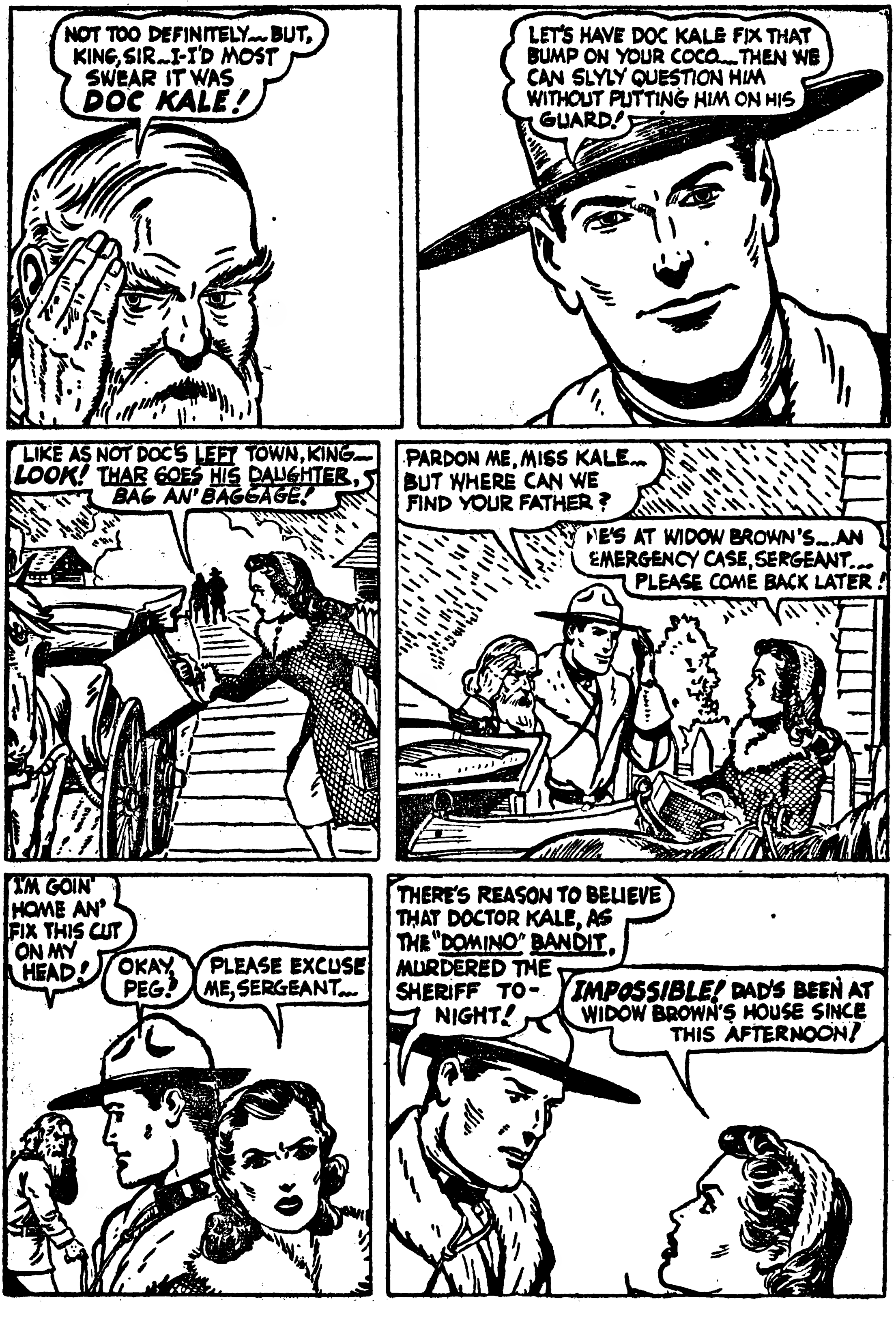

I'M "HONEST MATT," SHERIFF OF CLINKERTON..
WELL, SHERIFF, IT SEEMS A KILLER CALLED THE "DOMINO" HAS PICKED YOUR TOWN TO OPERATE IN!.. LOOK AT THIS!
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE AIR GOLD SHIPMENT ROBBERY... WELL, HE JUST FINISHED, KILLING THE PILOT. AND PROMISES MORE FOR TONIGHT!
I'LL SWAN! HE'S A BOLD UN, AIN'T HE?
THERE'S OL' PEG.. MAYBE HE SAW WHO STUFFED THIS NOTE IN MY SADDLE!
I SHOULD'VE RUN THAT OLD TRAMP OUTA TOWN!...WOULDN'T S'PRISE ME NONE IF HE WAS THE "DOMINO" BANDIT!
DID YOU SEE ANY-ONE NEAR MY HORSE, PEG?
SURE, SARGE, BUT...
...YA'VE GOTTA PER-TECT ME! IFFEN I TELL, THE SHERIFF THAR MIGHT KILL ME!

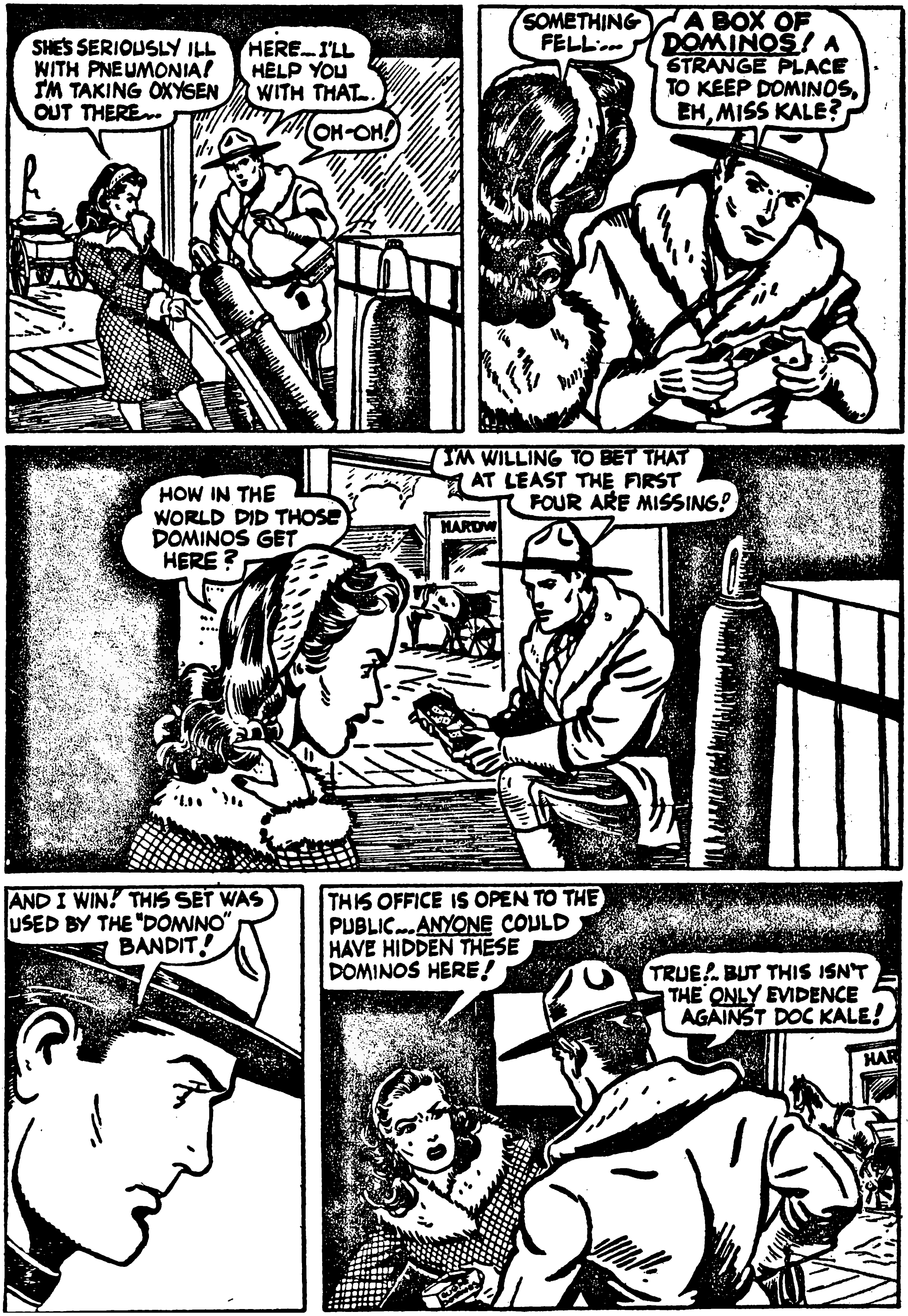

IF YOU TELL ME WHO PUT THIS NOTE ON MY SADDLE..I CAN ARREST THE "DOMINO" BANDIT...YOU'LL BE PROTECTED, PEG!
REMEMBER, NOW, YA PROMISED!... WELL-ER- FIRST DOC KALE PASSED CLOSE ENOUGH...AND TH' SHERIFF, HERE, WAS PETTIN' YER HOSS!
HUH?
HOLD ON!...SO DOC KALE WAS NEAR MY HORSE, EH?..HMM! HE COULD HAVE STABBED THE PATIENT BEFORE HE LET ME IN!
WAIT, SHERIFF! IF DOC KALE IS THE "DOMINO" BANDIT, HE COULD HAVE KILLED THE WOUNDED PILOT BEFORE I ENTERED HIS OFFICE?
BY JOVE! HE'S THE CLINKER MINE DOCTOR! 'TIS POSSIBLE HE KNOWD 'BOUT TH' GOLD SHIPMENT!
BAH! IT'S TOO SIMPLE! DOC WOULDN'T LEAVE A TRAIL LIKE THAT!
THIS BICKERING ISN'T CATCHING THE "DOMINO"... HE'S BOASTED THAT HE'LL STRIKE IN CLINKERTON TONIGHT...SO WE'LL BE READY FOR HIM!

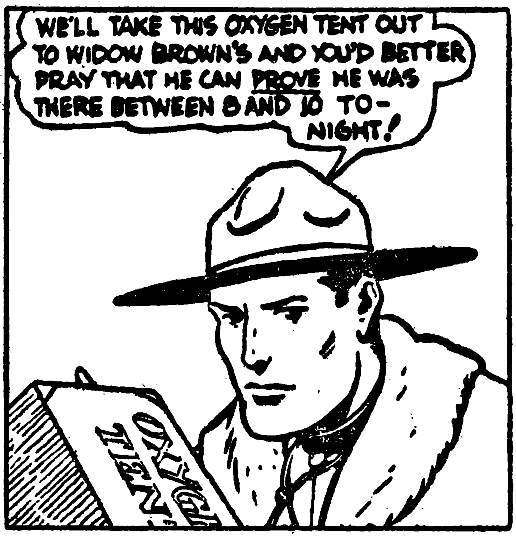

THESE PLASTER CASTS INDICATE THE "DOMINO" BANDIT HAS TWO FEET... SO I GUESS WE CAN TRUST OL' PEG...
...WE THREE CAN SPOT HIM IF HE RIDES INTO TOWN TONIGHT!
SURE, KING!
YOU WATCH THIS END OF TOWN, SHERIFF...WE'LL COVER THE REST! COME ON, PEG!
'TIS NEARLY SUNDOWN, SARGE!
UH-HUH!... LISTEN, PEG, I WANT YOU TO WATCH THAT SHERIFF! DON'T LET HIM OUT OF YOUR SIGHT!
...I DON'T SEE HOW THE "DOMINO" BANDIT CAN PULL MUCH OF A JOB IN THIS LITTLE TOWN WITHOUT ME KNOWING ABOUT IT!
LUMBE
BOOM

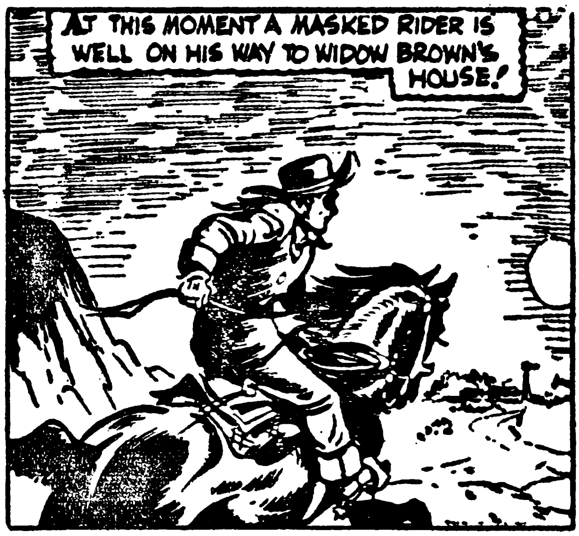

BLUE BLAZES! SOMEONE BLEW THE LUMBER OFFICE SAFE!
THIS MUST BE THE STRIKE THE "DOMINO" BANDIT BOASTED ABOUT!
& Sons
CLINKE
CLINKERTON LUMBER SUPP'Y
WELL HE WON'T GET ANYTHING FROM THIS JOB! OH-OH!.. SOME WRITING ON THAT SAFE!
HA HA! WHAT I WANTED WAS IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE—NOT IN THIS TIN CAN—BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME, KING THE "DOMINO"
GOOD GRIEF! THE "DOMINO" BLEW THAT LUMBER COMPANY SAFE JUST TO KEEP ME AWAY....
...FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE!
GENERAL STORE
HARDWARE

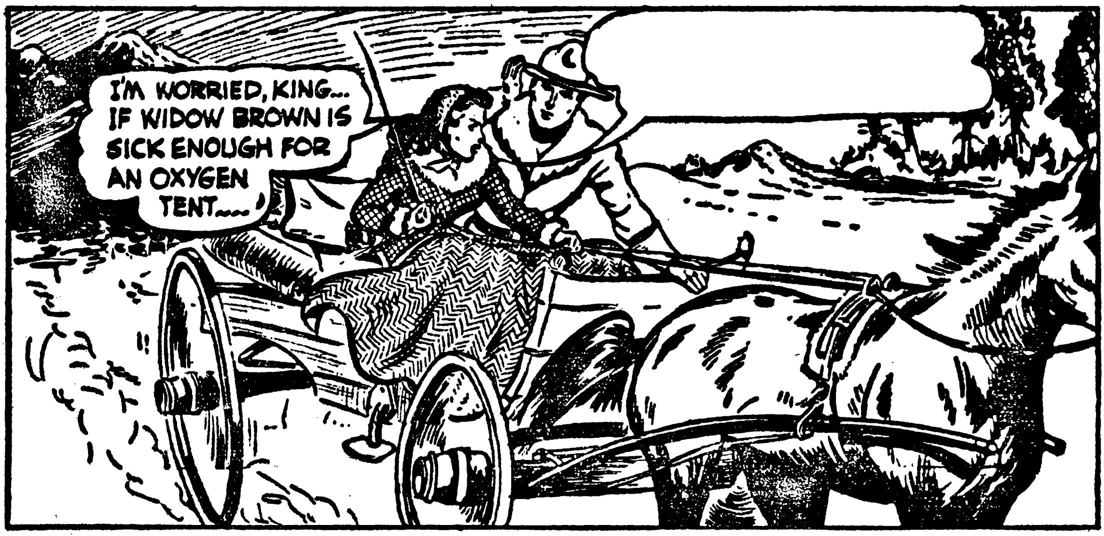

OH!
IT'S THE SHERIFF... DEAD!
HMM! THIS IS A TOUGH WAY TO BE CROSSED OFF THE LIST OF SUSPECTS!
THE "DOMINO" WANTED TO SMASH THE PLASTER CASTS I MADE OF HIS FOOTPRINTS...
...BAD ENOUGH TO COMMIT MURDER! BUT HE DIDN'T FORGET TO LEAVE HIS TRADE-MARK.. THIS TIME DOMINO NUMBER THREE!
BY JOVE! I PUT OL' PEG TO WATCHING THIS PLACE. MAYBE HE SAW THE KILLER!
...HE DID!
PEG, IT WAS THE "DOMINO".. AND HE JUST KILLED THE SHERIFF!.. DIDN'T YOU GET A FLEETING GLIMPSE OF HIM?
GENERAL STORE

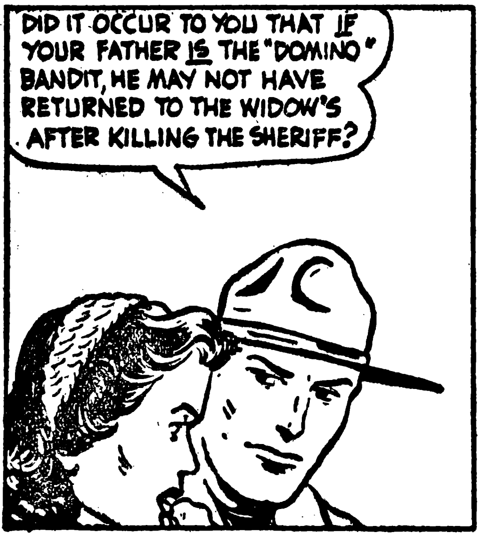

NOT TOO DEFINITELY... BUT, KING, SIR... I-I'D MOST SWEAR IT WAS **DOC KALE!**
LET'S HAVE DOC KALE FIX THAT BUMP ON YOUR COCO... THEN WE CAN SLYLY QUESTION HIM WITHOUT PUTTING HIM ON HIS GUARD!
LIKE AS NOT DOC'S LEFT TOWN, KING... **LOOK!** THAR GOES HIS DAUGHTER, BAG AN' BAGGAGE!
PARDON ME, MISS KALE... BUT WHERE CAN WE FIND YOUR FATHER?
HE'S AT WIDOW BROWN'S... AN EMERGENCY CASE, SERGEANT... PLEASE COME BACK LATER!
I'M GOIN' HOME AN' FIX THIS CUT ON MY HEAD!
OKAY, PEG!
PLEASE EXCUSE ME, SERGEANT...
THERE'S REASON TO BELIEVE THAT DOCTOR KALE, AS THE "DOMINO" BANDIT, MURDERED THE SHERIFF TO-NIGHT!
IMPOSSIBLE! DAD'S BEEN AT WIDOW BROWN'S HOUSE SINCE THIS AFTERNOON!

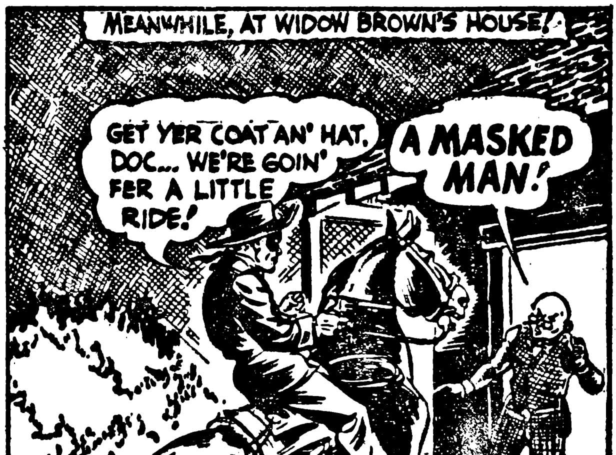

SHE'S SERIOUSLY ILL WITH PNEUMONIA! I'M TAKING OXYGEN OUT THERE...
HERE...I'LL HELP YOU WITH THAT...
OH-OH!
SOMETHING FELL...
A BOX OF DOMINOS! A STRANGE PLACE TO KEEP DOMINOS, EH, MISS KALE?
HOW IN THE WORLD DID THOSE DOMINOS GET HERE?
I'M WILLING TO BET THAT AT LEAST THE FIRST FOUR ARE MISSING!
HARDW
AND I WIN! THIS SET WAS USED BY THE "DOMINO" BANDIT!
THIS OFFICE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC...ANYONE COULD HAVE HIDDEN THESE DOMINOS HERE!
TRUE!...BUT THIS ISN'T THE ONLY EVIDENCE AGAINST DOC KALE!
HAR

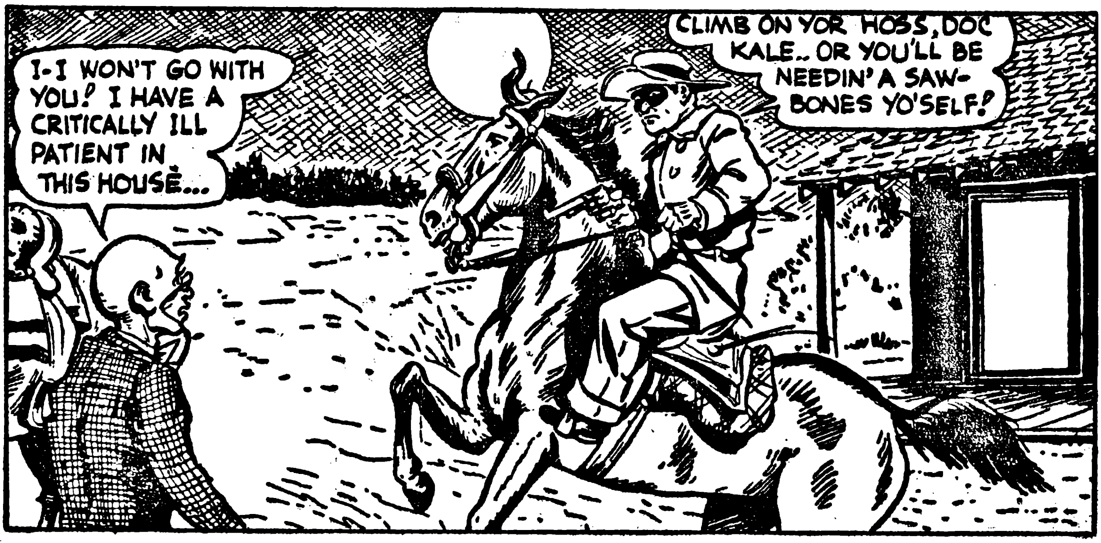

WE'LL TAKE THIS OXYGEN TENT OUT TO WIDOW BROWN'S AND YOU'D BETTER PRAY THAT HE CAN PROVE HE WAS THERE BETWEEN 8 AND 10 TO-NIGHT!
OXYGEN TENT

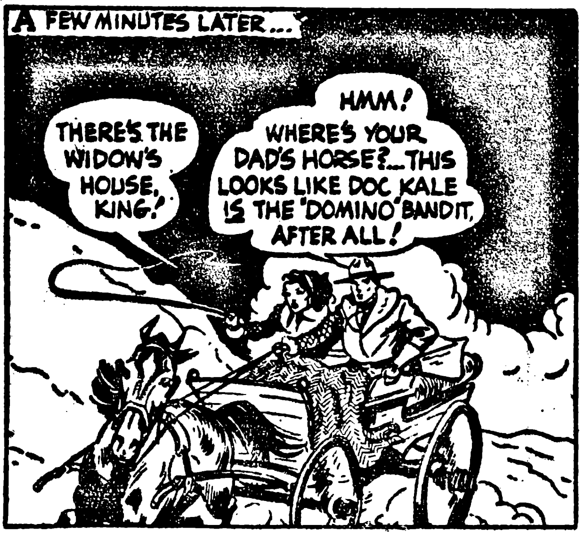

AT THIS MOMENT A MASKED RIDER IS WELL ON HIS WAY TO WIDOW BROWN'S HOUSE!

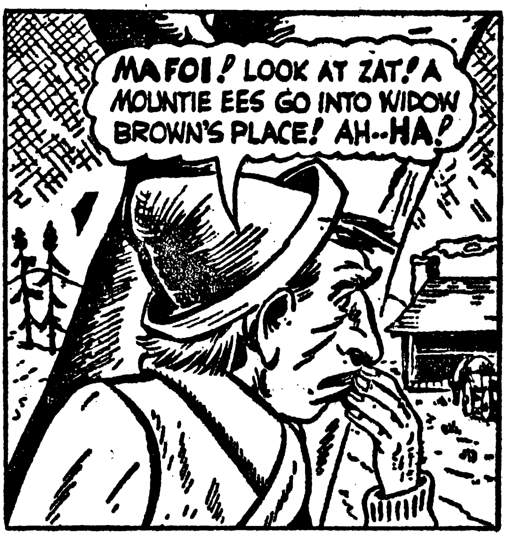

I'M WORRIED, KING... IF WIDOW BROWN IS SICK ENOUGH FOR AN OXYGEN TENT....!

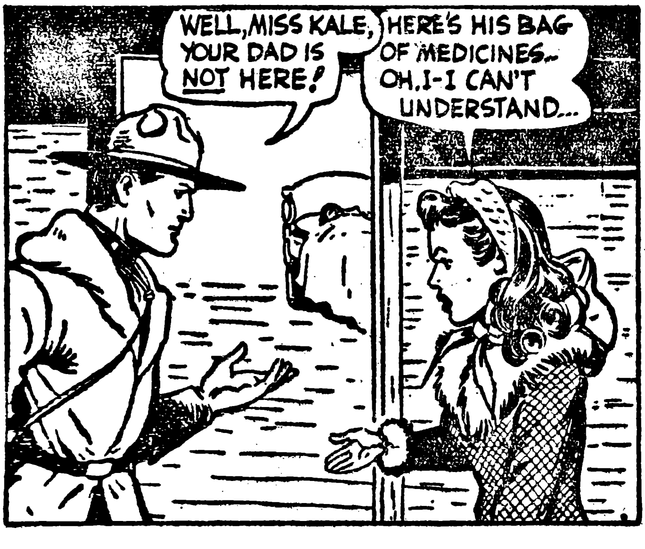

DID IT OCCUR TO YOU THAT IF YOUR FATHER IS THE "DOMINO" BANDIT, HE MAY NOT HAVE RETURNED TO THE WIDOW'S AFTER KILLING THE SHERIFF?

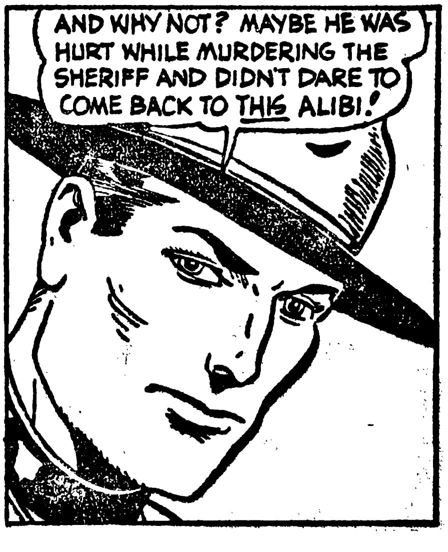

MEANWHILE, AT WIDOW BROWN'S HOUSE!
GET YER COAT AN' HAT, DOC... WE'RE GOIN' FER A LITTLE RIDE!
A MASKED MAN!

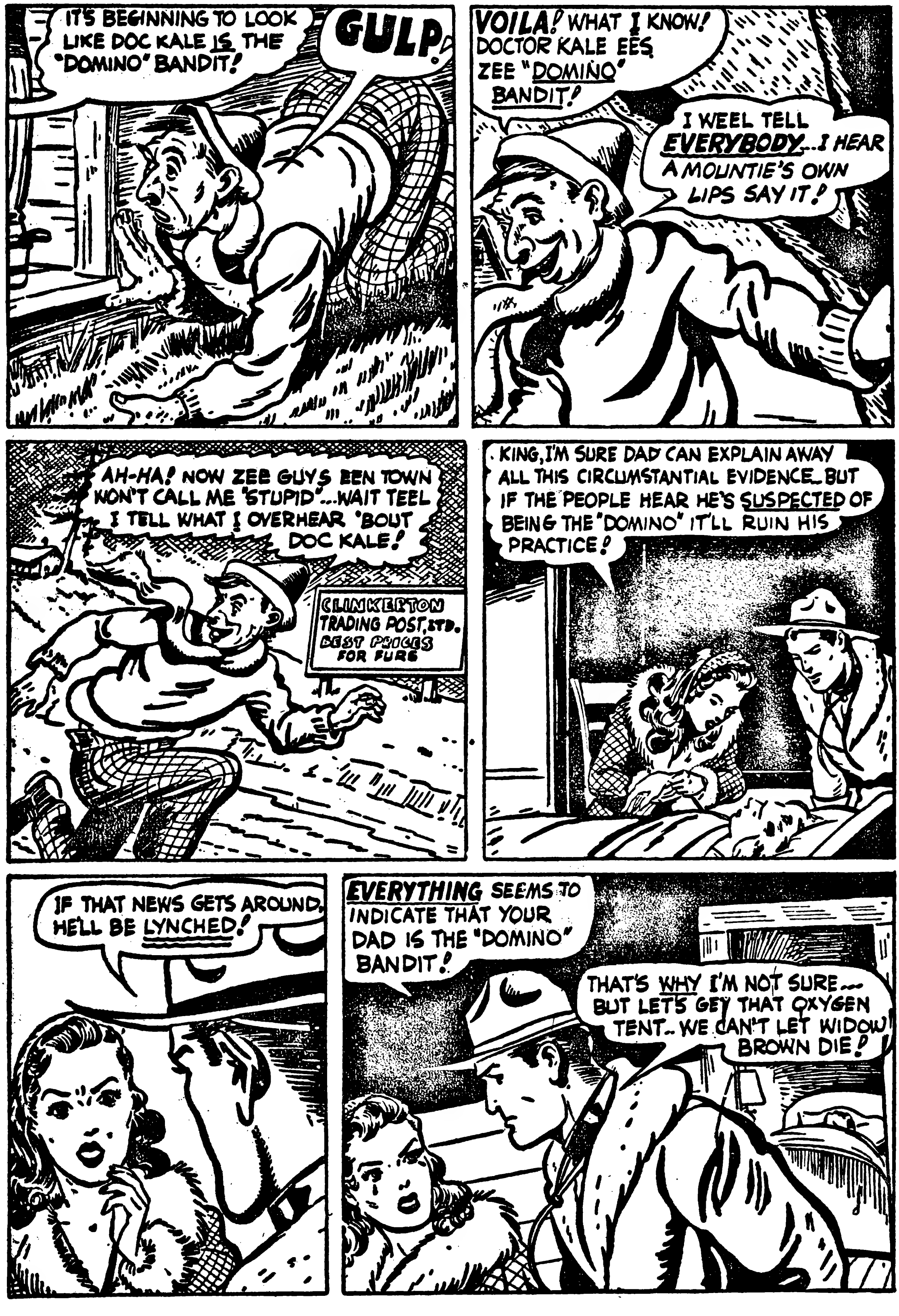

I-I WON'T GO WITH YOU! I HAVE A CRITICALLY ILL PATIENT IN THIS HOUSE...
CLIMB ON YOR HOSS, DOC KALE.. OR YOU'LL BE NEEDIN' A SAW-BONES YO'SELF!

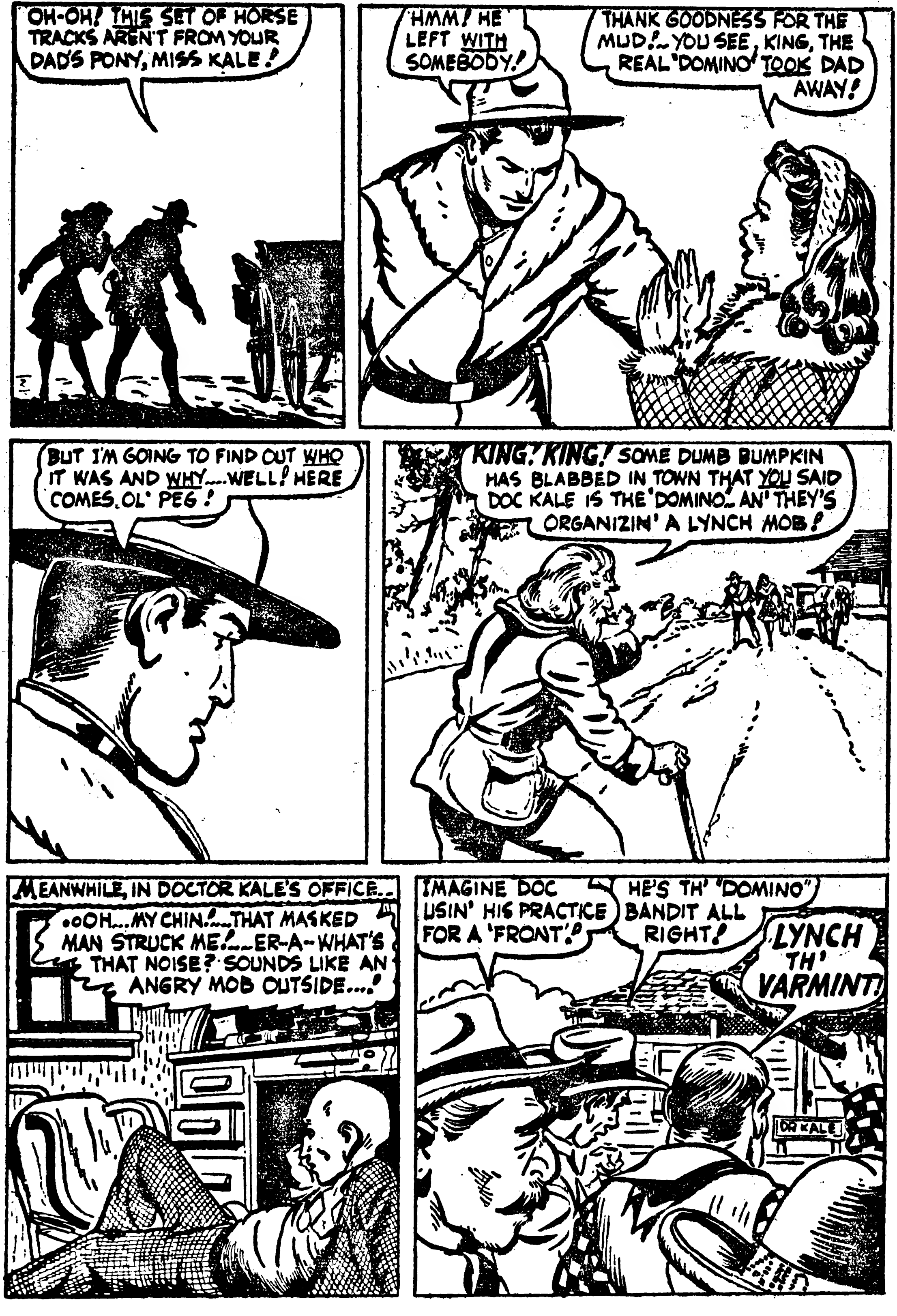

A FEW MINUTES LATER...
THERE'S THE WIDOW'S HOUSE, KING!
HMM! WHERE'S YOUR DAD'S HORSE?.. THIS LOOKS LIKE DOC KALE IS THE 'DOMINO' BANDIT, AFTER ALL!

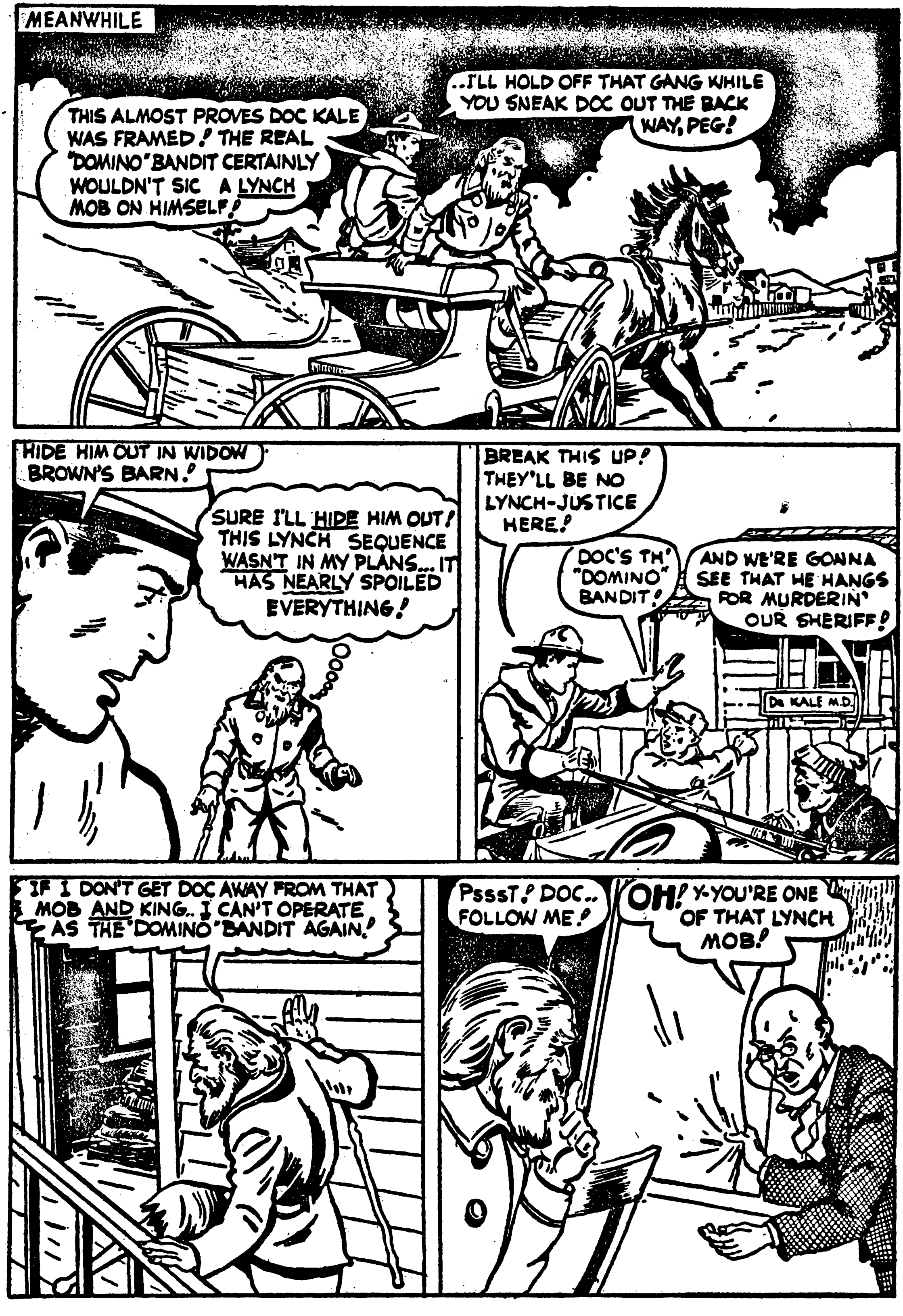

MA FOI! LOOK AT ZAT! A MOUNTIE EES GO INTO WIDOW BROWN'S PLACE! AH--HA!

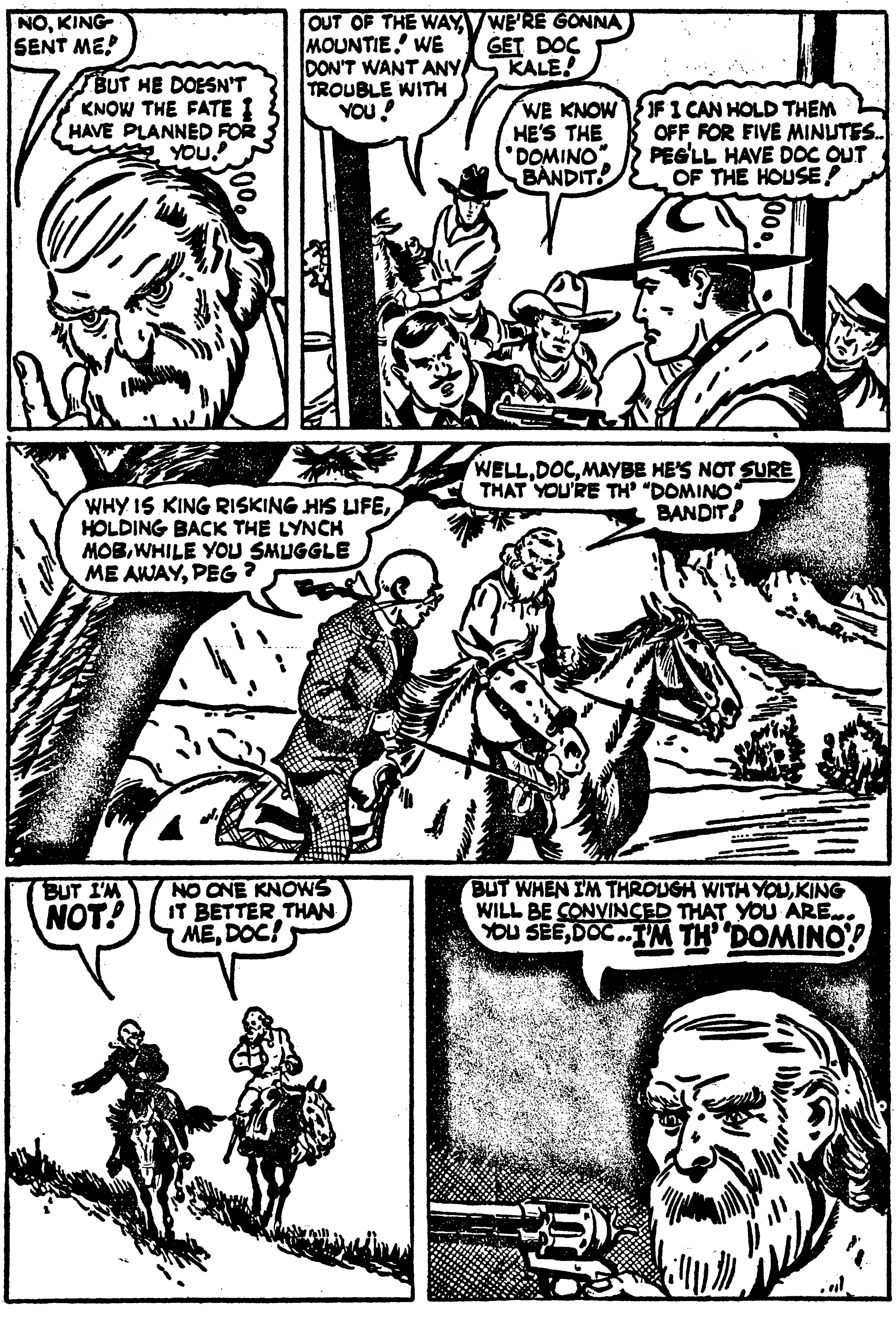

WELL, MISS KALE, YOUR DAD IS NOT HERE!
HERE'S HIS BAG OF MEDICINES.. OH, I-I CAN'T UNDERSTAND...

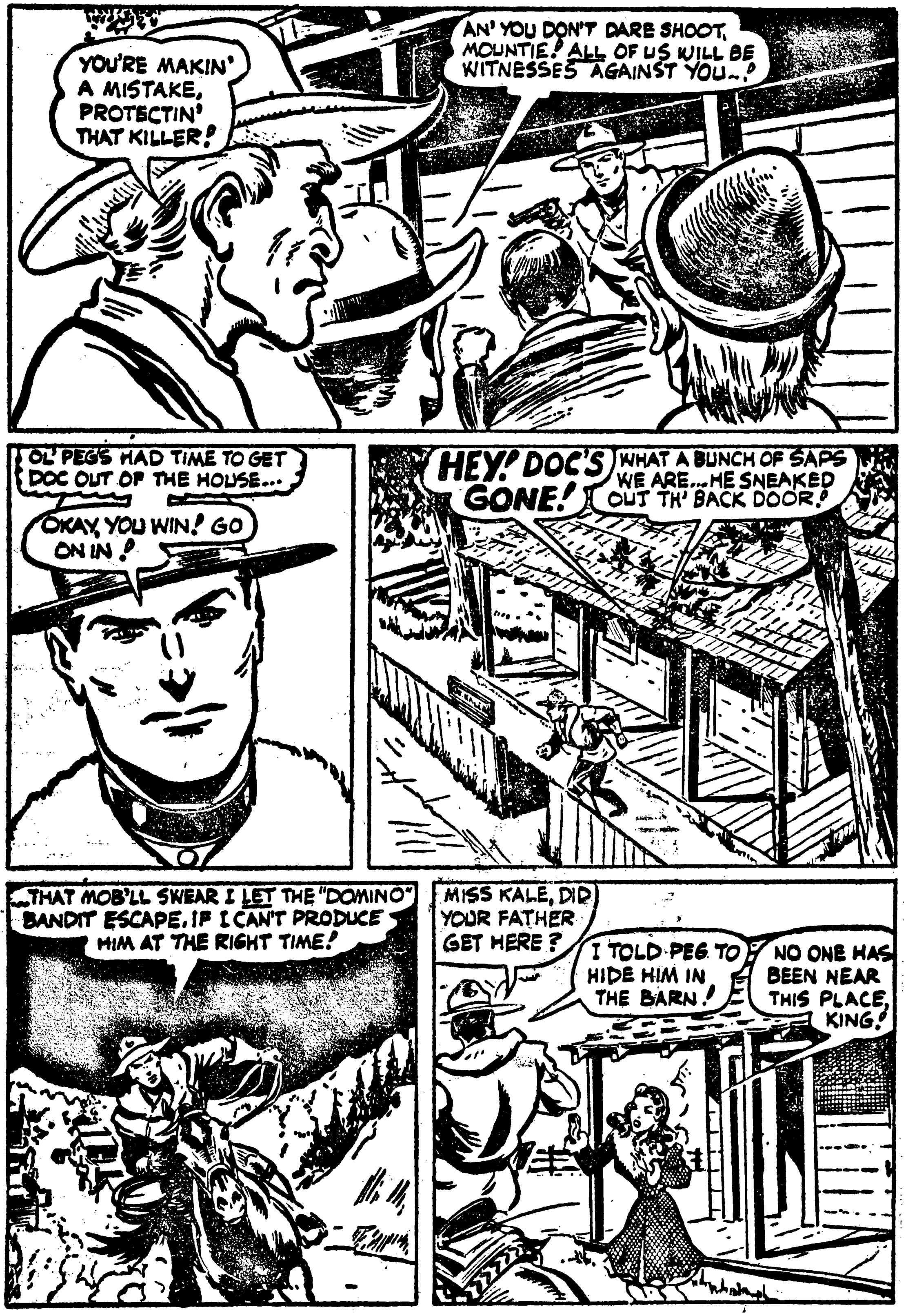

AND WHY NOT? MAYBE HE WAS HURT WHILE MURDERING THE SHERIFF AND DIDN'T DARE TO COME BACK TO THIS ALIBI!

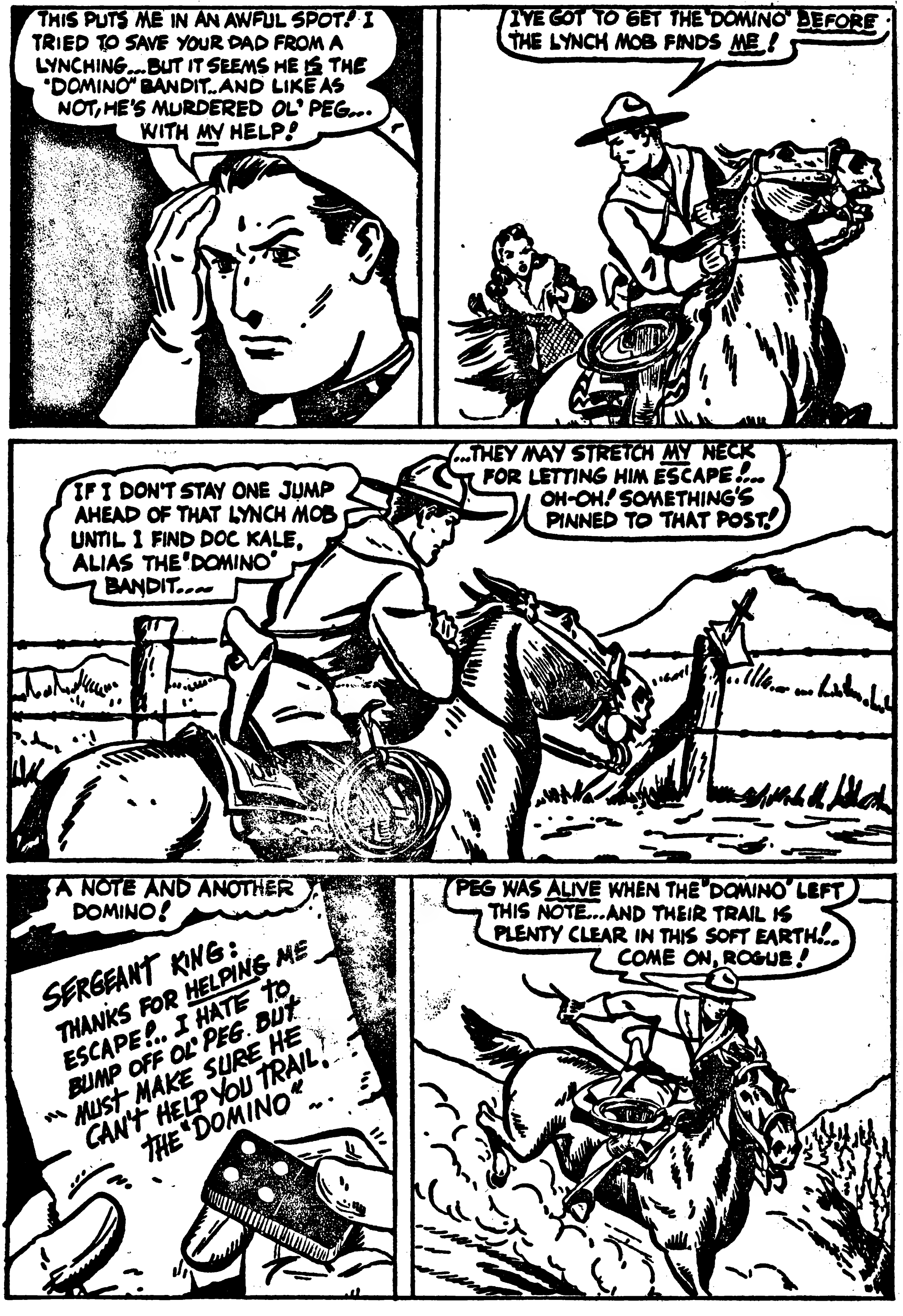

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE DOC KALE IS THE "DOMINO" BANDIT!
GULP!
VOILA! WHAT I KNOW! DOCTOR KALE EES ZEE "DOMINO" BANDIT!
I WEEL TELL EVERYBODY...I HEAR A MOUNTIE'S OWN LIPS SAY IT!
AH-HA! NOW ZEE GUYS EEN TOWN WON'T CALL ME 'STUPID'...WAIT TEEL I TELL WHAT I OVERHEAR 'BOUT DOC KALE!
CLINKERTON TRADING POST, LTD. BEST PRICES FOR FURS
KING, I'M SURE DAD CAN EXPLAIN AWAY ALL THIS CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE...BUT IF THE PEOPLE HEAR HE'S SUSPECTED OF BEING THE "DOMINO" IT'LL RUIN HIS PRACTICE!
IF THAT NEWS GETS AROUND, HE'LL BE LYNCHED!
EVERYTHING SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT YOUR DAD IS THE "DOMINO" BANDIT!
THAT'S WHY I'M NOT SURE... BUT LET'S GET THAT OXYGEN TENT... WE CAN'T LET WIDOW BROWN DIE!

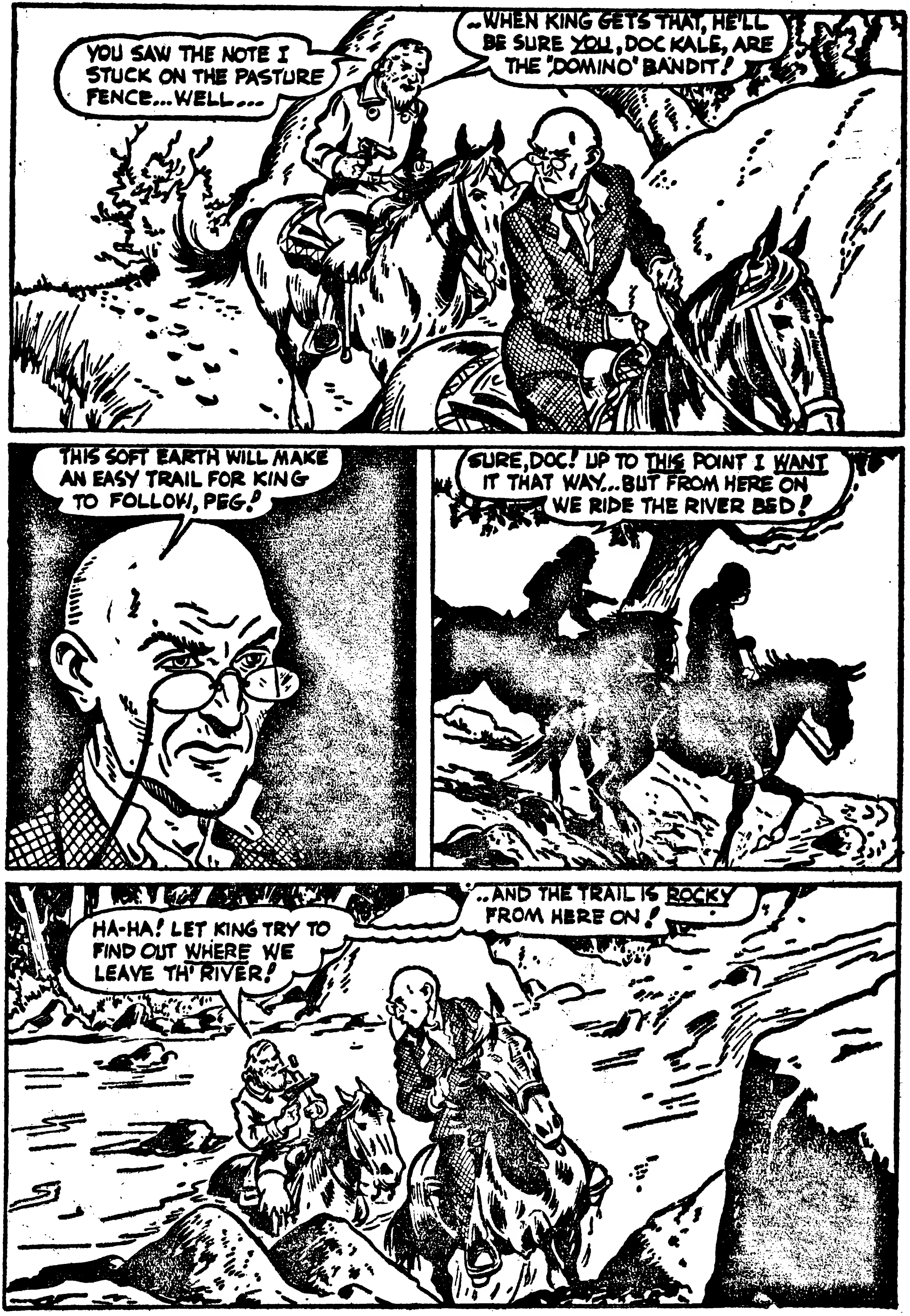

OH-OH! THIS SET OF HORSE TRACKS AREN'T FROM YOUR DAD'S PONY, MISS KALE!
HMM! HE LEFT WITH SOMEBODY!
THANK GOODNESS FOR THE MUD!.. YOU SEE, KING, THE REAL 'DOMINO' TOOK DAD AWAY!
BUT I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHO IT WAS AND WHY....WELL! HERE COMES OL' PEG!
KING! KING! SOME DUMB BUMPKIN HAS BLABBED IN TOWN THAT YOU SAID DOC KALE IS THE 'DOMINO'.. AN' THEY'S ORGANIZIN' A LYNCH MOB!
MEANWHILE, IN DOCTOR KALE'S OFFICE..
..OOH...MY CHIN!...THAT MASKED MAN STRUCK ME!...ER-A-WHAT'S THAT NOISE? SOUNDS LIKE AN ANGRY MOB OUTSIDE....!
IMAGINE DOC USIN' HIS PRACTICE FOR A 'FRONT'!
HE'S TH' 'DOMINO' BANDIT ALL RIGHT!
LYNCH TH' VARMINT!
DR KALE

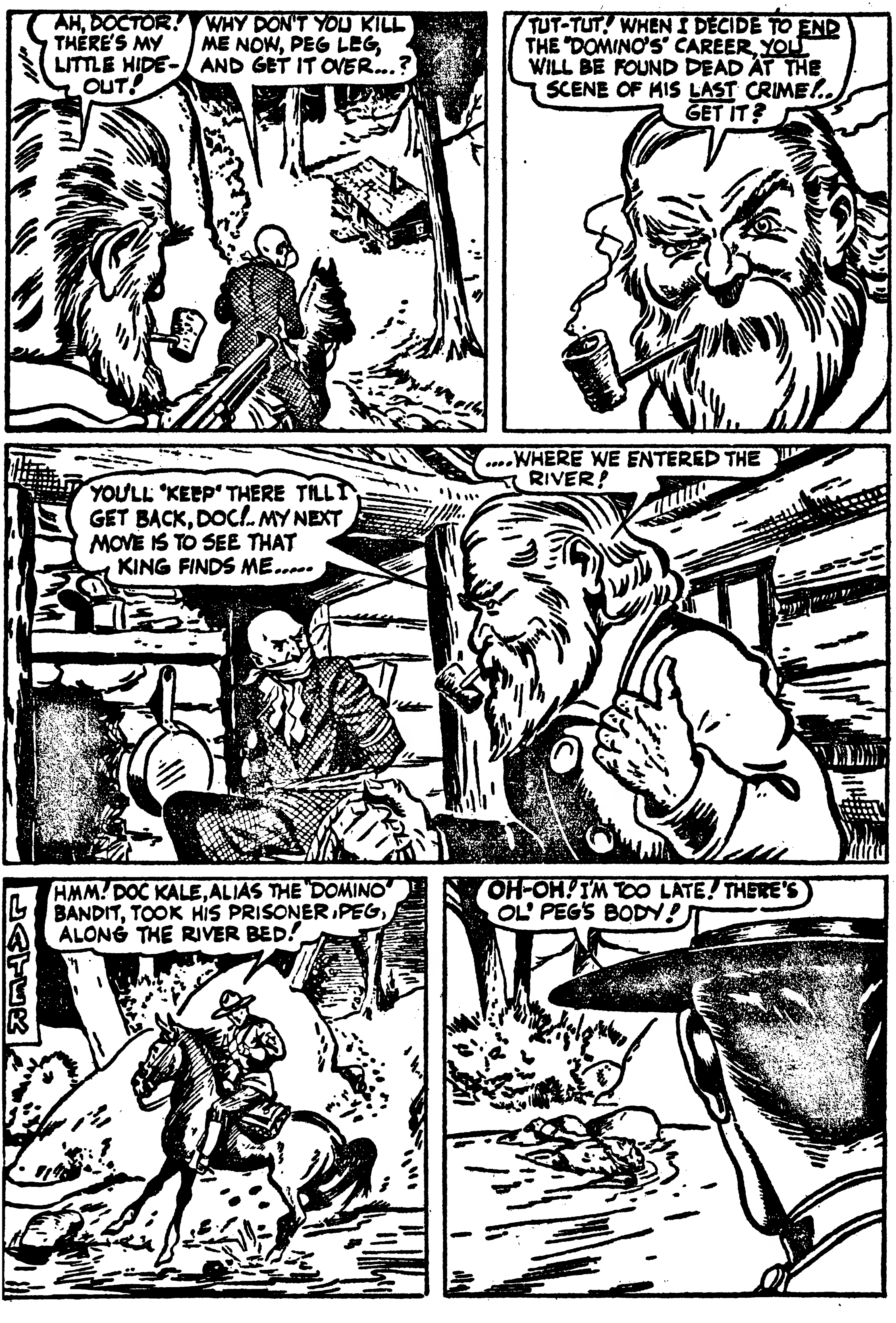

MEANWHILE
..I'LL HOLD OFF THAT GANG WHILE YOU SNEAK DOC OUT THE BACK WAY, PEG!
THIS ALMOST PROVES DOC KALE WAS FRAMED! THE REAL "DOMINO" BANDIT CERTAINLY WOULDN'T SIC A LYNCH MOB ON HIMSELF!
HIDE HIM OUT IN WIDOW BROWN'S BARN!
SURE I'LL HIDE HIM OUT! THIS LYNCH SEQUENCE WASN'T IN MY PLANS... IT HAS NEARLY SPOILED EVERYTHING!
BREAK THIS UP! THEY'LL BE NO LYNCH-JUSTICE HERE!
DOC'S TH' "DOMINO" BANDIT!
AND WE'RE GONNA SEE THAT HE HANGS FOR MURDERIN' OUR SHERIFF!
Dr KALE M.D.
IF I DON'T GET DOC AWAY FROM THAT MOB AND KING.. I CAN'T OPERATE AS THE "DOMINO" BANDIT AGAIN!
PSSST! DOC.. FOLLOW ME!
OH! Y-YOU'RE ONE OF THAT LYNCH MOB!

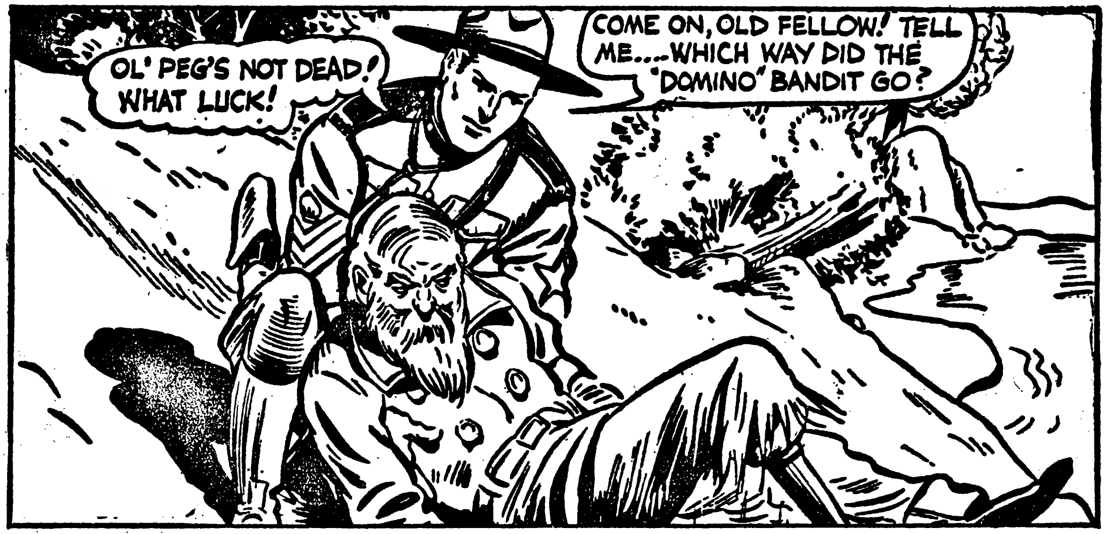

NO, KING—SENT ME!
BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW THE FATE I HAVE PLANNED FOR YOU!
OUT OF THE WAY, MOUNTIE! WE DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE WITH YOU!
WE'RE GONNA GET DOC KALE!
WE KNOW HE'S THE "DOMINO" BANDIT!
IF I CAN HOLD THEM OFF FOR FIVE MINUTES.. PEG'LL HAVE DOC OUT OF THE HOUSE!
WHY IS KING RISKING HIS LIFE, HOLDING BACK THE LYNCH MOB, WHILE YOU SMUGGLE ME AWAY, PEG?
WELL, DOC, MAYBE HE'S NOT SURE THAT YOU'RE TH' "DOMINO" BANDIT!
BUT I'M NOT!
NO ONE KNOWS IT BETTER THAN ME, DOC!
BUT WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU, KING WILL BE CONVINCED THAT YOU ARE... YOU SEE, DOC.. I'M TH' 'DOMINO'!

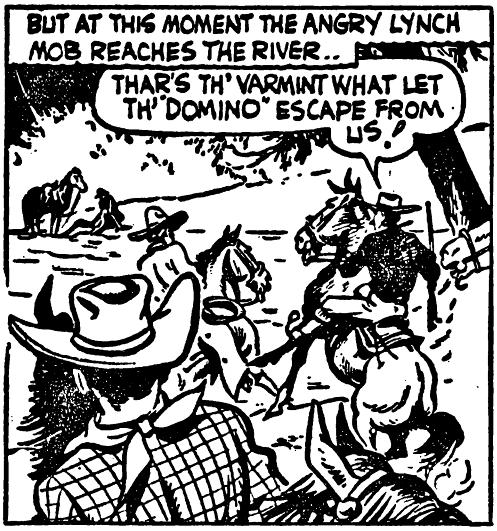

YOU'RE MAKIN' A MISTAKE, PROTECTIN' THAT KILLER!
AN' YOU DON'T DARE SHOOT, MOUNTIE! ALL OF US WILL BE WITNESSES AGAINST YOU...!
OL' PEG'S HAD TIME TO GET DOC OUT OF THE HOUSE...
OKAY, YOU WIN! GO ON IN!
HEY! DOC'S GONE!
WHAT A BUNCH OF SAPS WE ARE...HE SNEAKED OUT TH' BACK DOOR!
...THAT MOB'LL SWEAR I LET THE "DOMINO" BANDIT ESCAPE, IF I CAN'T PRODUCE HIM AT THE RIGHT TIME!
MISS KALE, DID YOUR FATHER GET HERE?
I TOLD PEG TO HIDE HIM IN THE BARN!
NO ONE HAS BEEN NEAR THIS PLACE, KING!

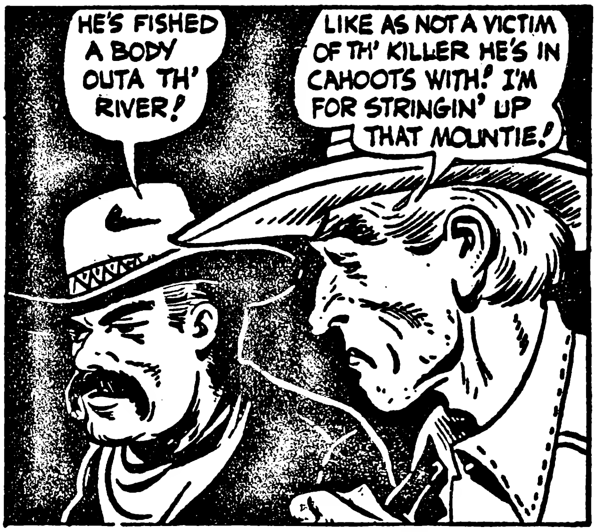

THIS PUTS ME IN AN AWFUL SPOT! I TRIED TO SAVE YOUR DAD FROM A LYNCHING...BUT IT SEEMS HE IS THE "DOMINO" BANDIT..AND LIKE AS NOT, HE'S MURDERED OL' PEG... WITH MY HELP!
I'VE GOT TO GET THE 'DOMINO' BEFORE THE LYNCH MOB FINDS ME!
IF I DON'T STAY ONE JUMP AHEAD OF THAT LYNCH MOB UNTIL I FIND DOC KALE, ALIAS THE 'DOMINO' BANDIT...
...THEY MAY STRETCH MY NECK FOR LETTING HIM ESCAPE!... OH-OH! SOMETHING'S PINNED TO THAT POST!
A NOTE AND ANOTHER DOMINO!
SERGEANT KING: THANKS FOR HELPING ME ESCAPE!.. I HATE TO BUMP OFF OL' PEG BUT MUST MAKE SURE HE CAN'T HELP YOU TRAIL. THE "DOMINO"
PEG WAS ALIVE WHEN THE 'DOMINO' LEFT THIS NOTE...AND THEIR TRAIL IS PLENTY CLEAR IN THIS SOFT EARTH!.. COME ON, ROGUE!

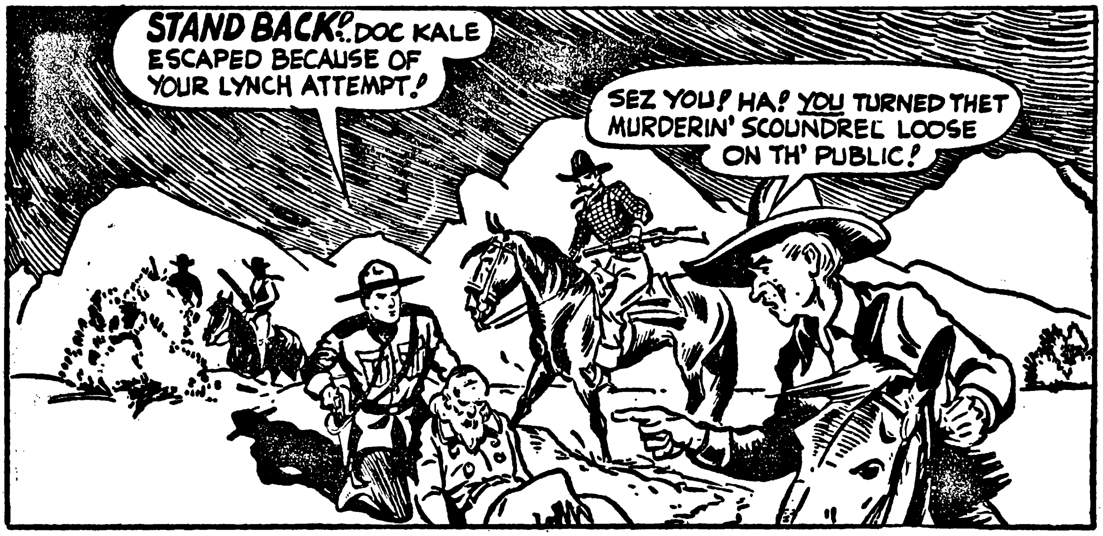

YOU SAW THE NOTE I STUCK ON THE PASTURE FENCE...WELL...
..WHEN KING GETS THAT, HE'LL BE SURE YOU, DOC KALE, ARE THE "DOMINO" BANDIT!
THIS SOFT EARTH WILL MAKE AN EASY TRAIL FOR KING TO FOLLOW, PEG!
SURE, DOC! UP TO THIS POINT I WANT IT THAT WAY...BUT FROM HERE ON WE RIDE THE RIVER BED!
HA-HA! LET KING TRY TO FIND OUT WHERE WE LEAVE TH' RIVER!
..AND THE TRAIL IS ROCKY FROM HERE ON!

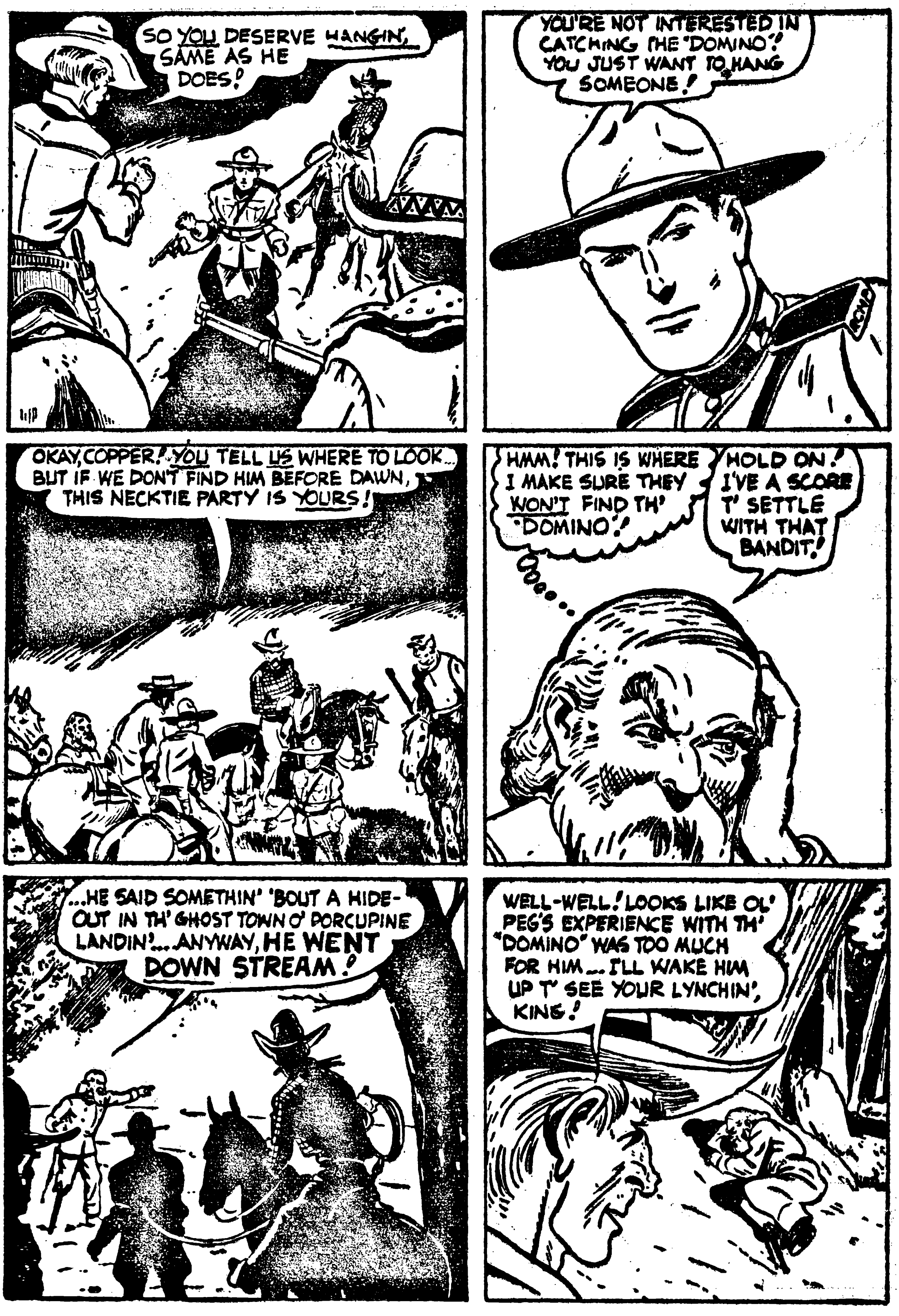

AH, DOCTOR! THERE'S MY LITTLE HIDE-OUT!
WHY DON'T YOU KILL ME NOW, PEG LEG, AND GET IT OVER...?
TUT-TUT! WHEN I DECIDE TO END THE 'DOMINO'S' CAREER, YOU WILL BE FOUND DEAD AT THE SCENE OF HIS LAST CRIME!.. GET IT?
YOU'LL 'KEEP' THERE TILL I GET BACK, DOC!.. MY NEXT MOVE IS TO SEE THAT KING FINDS ME.....
....WHERE WE ENTERED THE RIVER!
LATER
HMM! DOC KALE, ALIAS THE 'DOMINO' BANDIT, TOOK HIS PRISONER, PEG, ALONG THE RIVER BED!
OH-OH! I'M TOO LATE! THERE'S OL' PEG'S BODY!

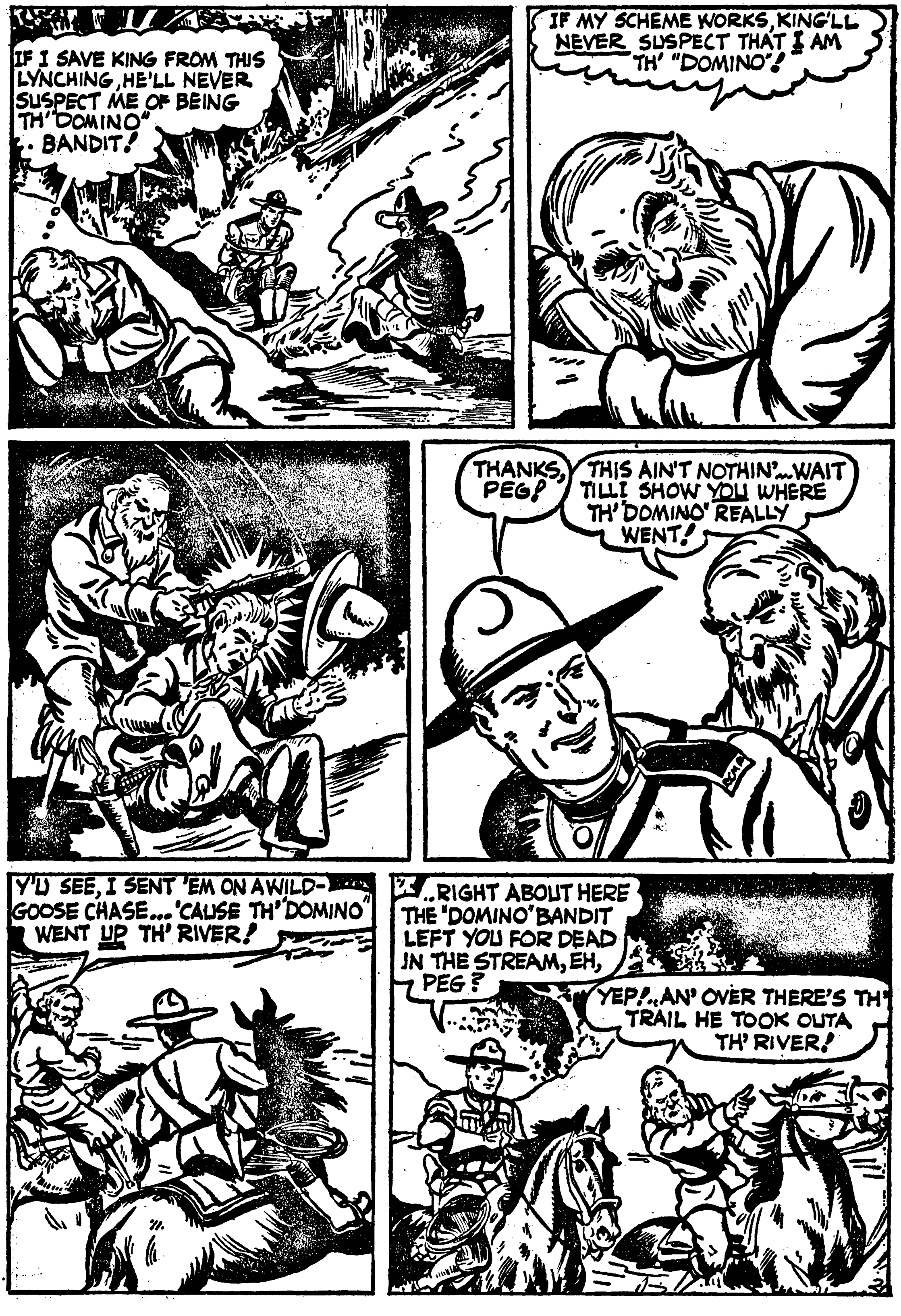

OL' PEG'S NOT DEAD! WHAT LUCK!
COME ON, OLD FELLOW! TELL ME....WHICH WAY DID THE 'DOMINO' BANDIT GO?

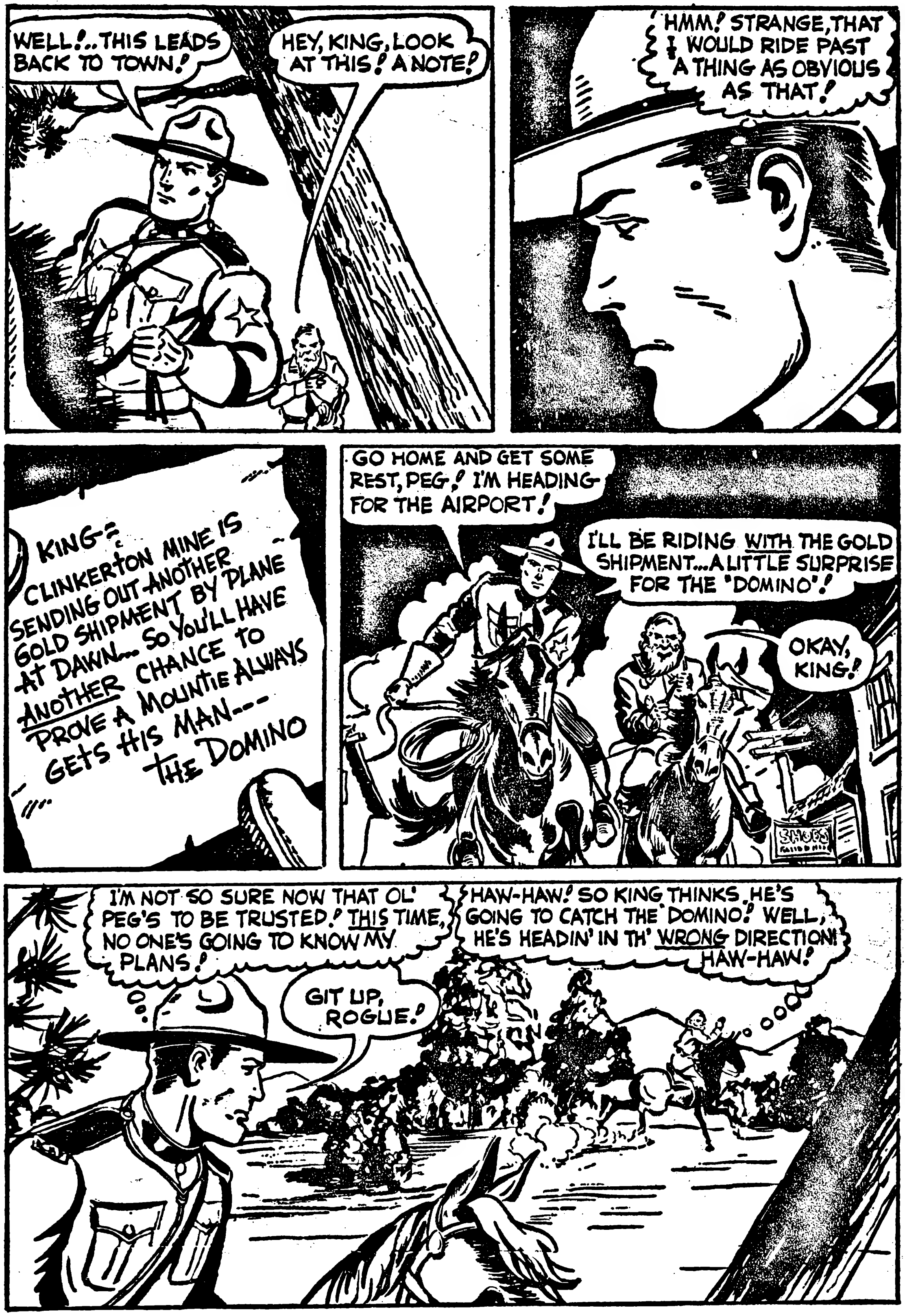

BUT AT THIS MOMENT THE ANGRY LYNCH MOB REACHES THE RIVER..
THAR'S TH' VARMINT WHAT LET TH' 'DOMINO' ESCAPE FROM US!

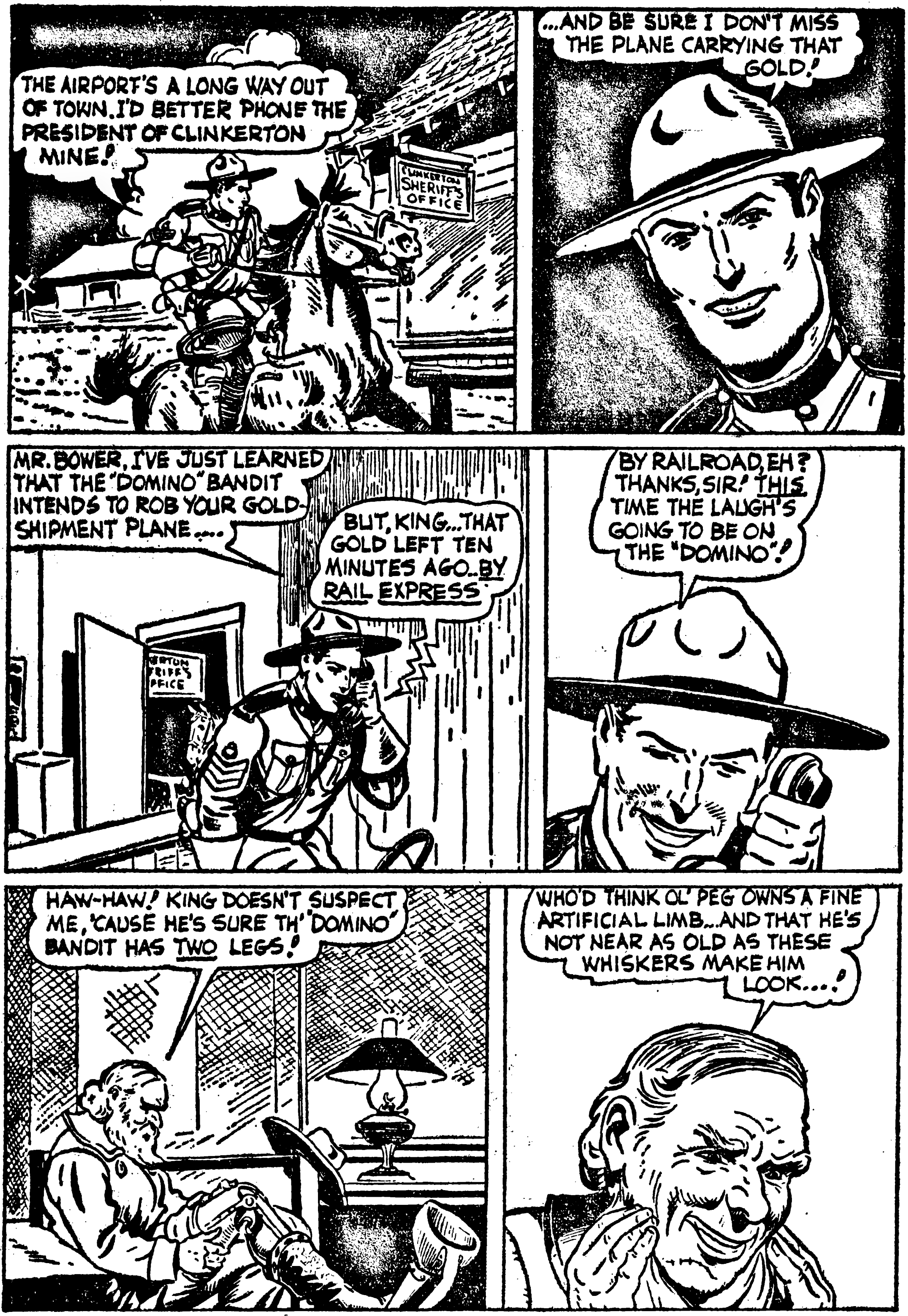

HE'S FISHED A BODY OUTA TH' RIVER!
LIKE AS NOT A VICTIM OF TH' KILLER HE'S IN CAHOOTS WITH! I'M FOR STRINGIN' UP THAT MOUNTIE!

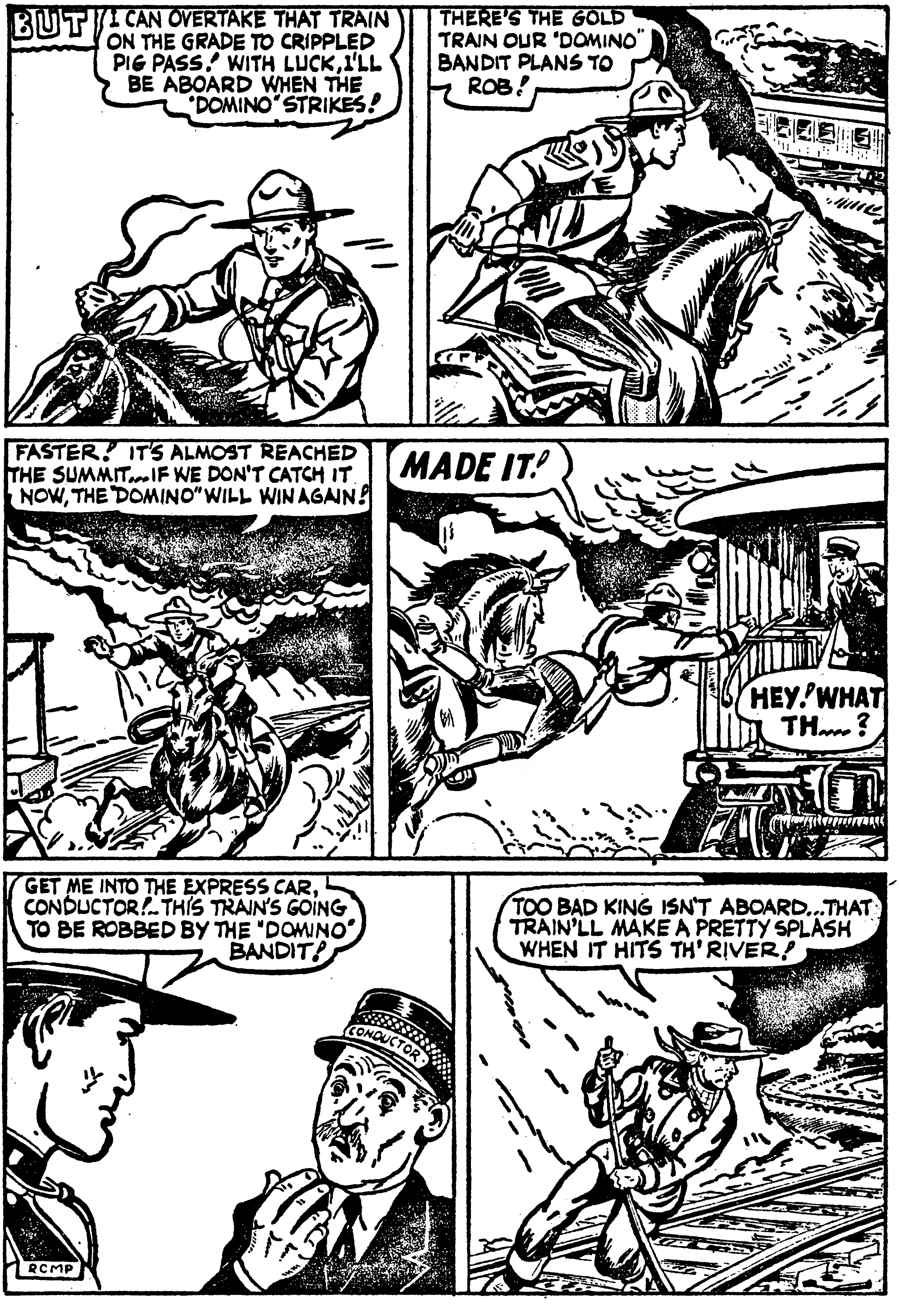

STAND BACK!..DOC KALE ESCAPED BECAUSE OF YOUR LYNCH ATTEMPT!
SEZ YOU! HA! YOU TURNED THET MURDERIN' SCOUNDREL LOOSE ON TH' PUBLIC!

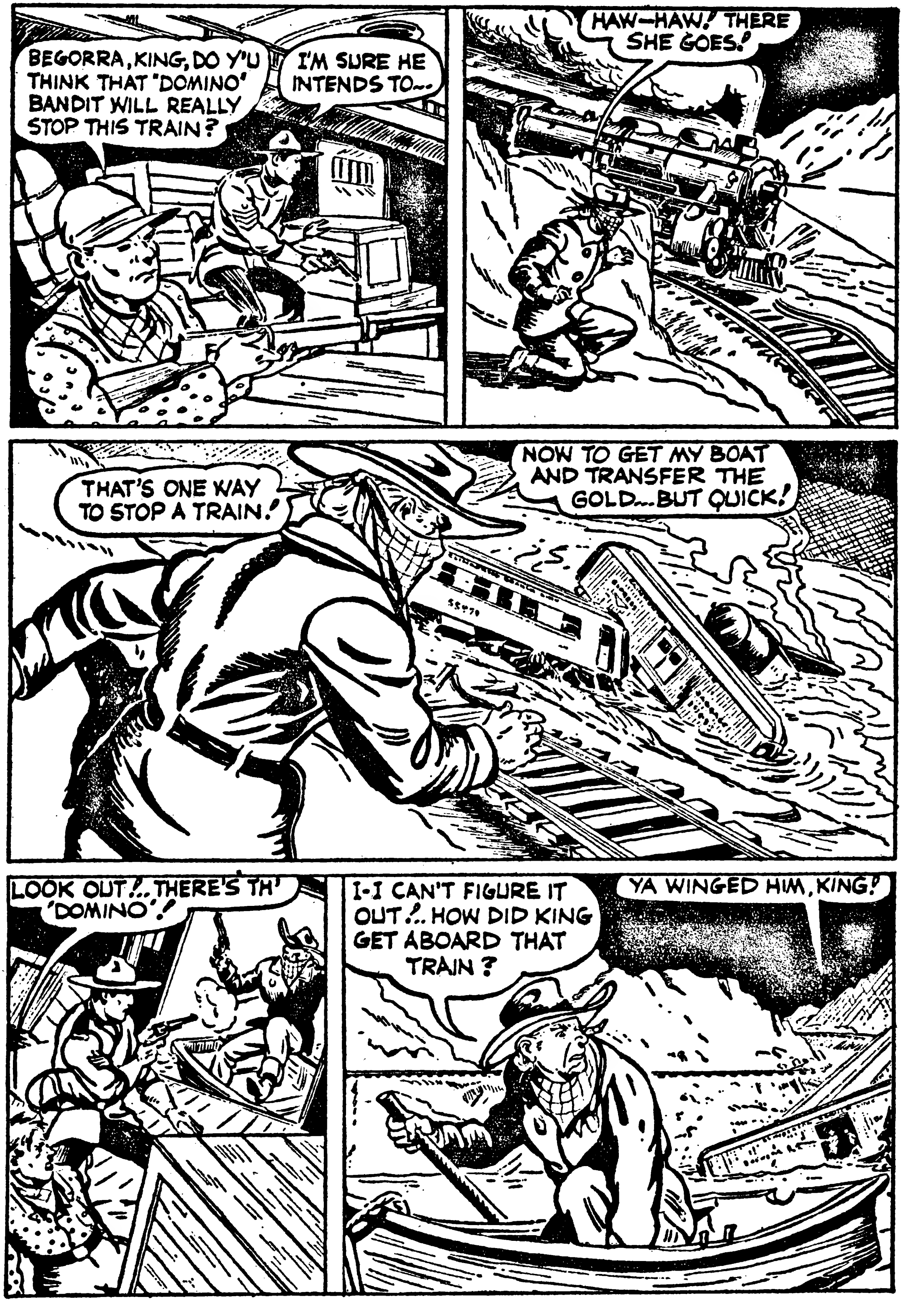

SO YOU DESERVE HANGIN', SAME AS HE DOES?
YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN CATCHING THE 'DOMINO'! YOU JUST WANT TO HANG SOMEONE!
OKAY, COPPER! YOU TELL US WHERE TO LOOK... BUT IF WE DON'T FIND HIM BEFORE DAWN, THIS NECKTIE PARTY IS YOURS!
HMM! THIS IS WHERE I MAKE SURE THEY WON'T FIND TH' 'DOMINO'!
HOLD ON! I'VE A SCORE T' SETTLE WITH THAT BANDIT!
...HE SAID SOMETHIN' 'BOUT A HIDE-OUT IN TH' GHOST TOWN O' PORCUPINE LANDIN'!... ANYWAY, HE WENT DOWN STREAM!
WELL-WELL! LOOKS LIKE OL' PEG'S EXPERIENCE WITH TH' "DOMINO" WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM... I'LL WAKE HIM UP T' SEE YOUR LYNCHIN', KING!

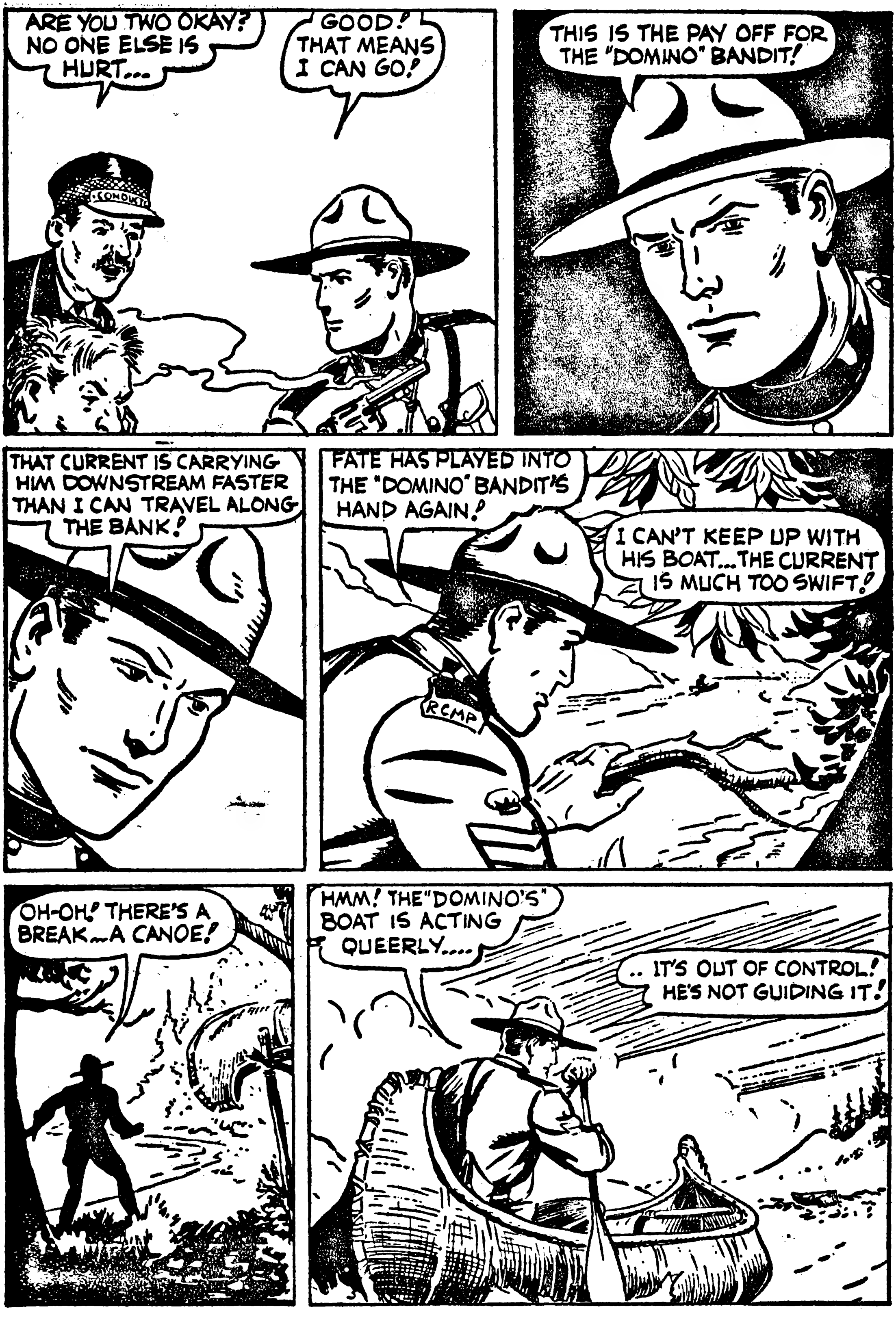

IF I SAVE KING FROM THIS LYNCHING, HE'LL NEVER SUSPECT ME OF BEING TH' "DOMINO" .. BANDIT!
IF MY SCHEME WORKS, KING'LL NEVER SUSPECT THAT I AM TH' "DOMINO"!
THANKS, PEG!
THIS AIN'T NOTHIN'...WAIT TILL I SHOW YOU WHERE TH' 'DOMINO' REALLY WENT!
Y'U SEE, I SENT 'EM ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE... 'CAUSE TH' 'DOMINO' WENT UP TH' RIVER!
..RIGHT ABOUT HERE THE 'DOMINO' BANDIT LEFT YOU FOR DEAD IN THE STREAM, EH, PEG?
YEP!..AN' OVER THERE'S TH' TRAIL HE TOOK OUTA TH' RIVER!

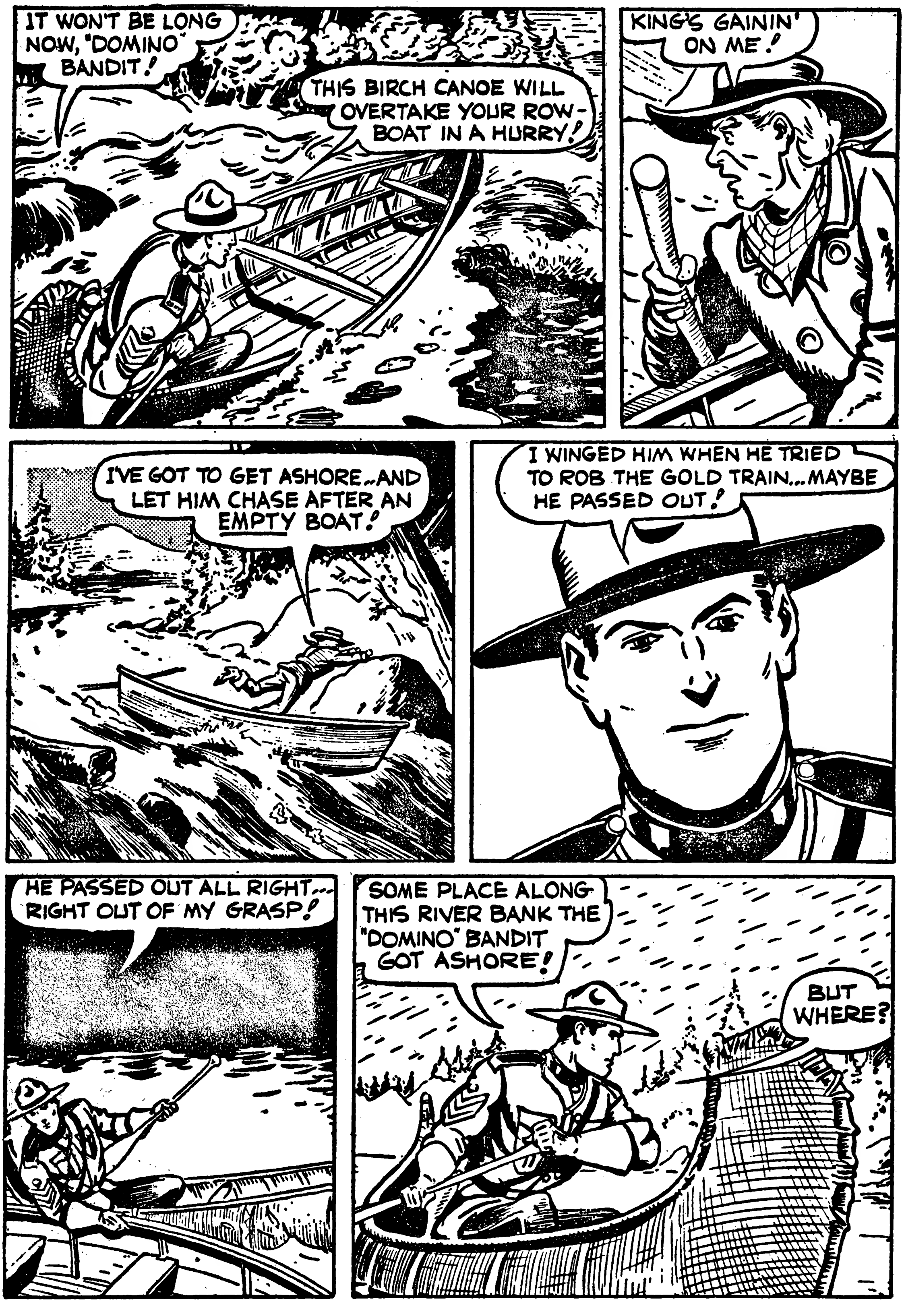

WELL!..THIS LEADS BACK TO TOWN!
HEY, KING, LOOK AT THIS! A NOTE!
HMM! STRANGE, THAT I WOULD RIDE PAST A THING AS OBVIOUS AS THAT!
KING— CLINKERTON MINE IS SENDING OUT ANOTHER GOLD SHIPMENT BY PLANE AT DAWN... SO YOU'LL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO PROVE A MOUNTIE ALWAYS GETS HIS MAN--- THE DOMINO
GO HOME AND GET SOME REST, PEG! I'M HEADING FOR THE AIRPORT!
I'LL BE RIDING WITH THE GOLD SHIPMENT...A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR THE 'DOMINO'!
OKAY, KING!
I'M NOT SO SURE NOW THAT OL' PEG'S TO BE TRUSTED! THIS TIME, NO ONE'S GOING TO KNOW MY PLANS!
GIT UP, ROGUE!
HAW-HAW! SO KING THINKS HE'S GOING TO CATCH THE 'DOMINO'! WELL, HE'S HEADIN' IN TH' WRONG DIRECTION! HAW-HAW!

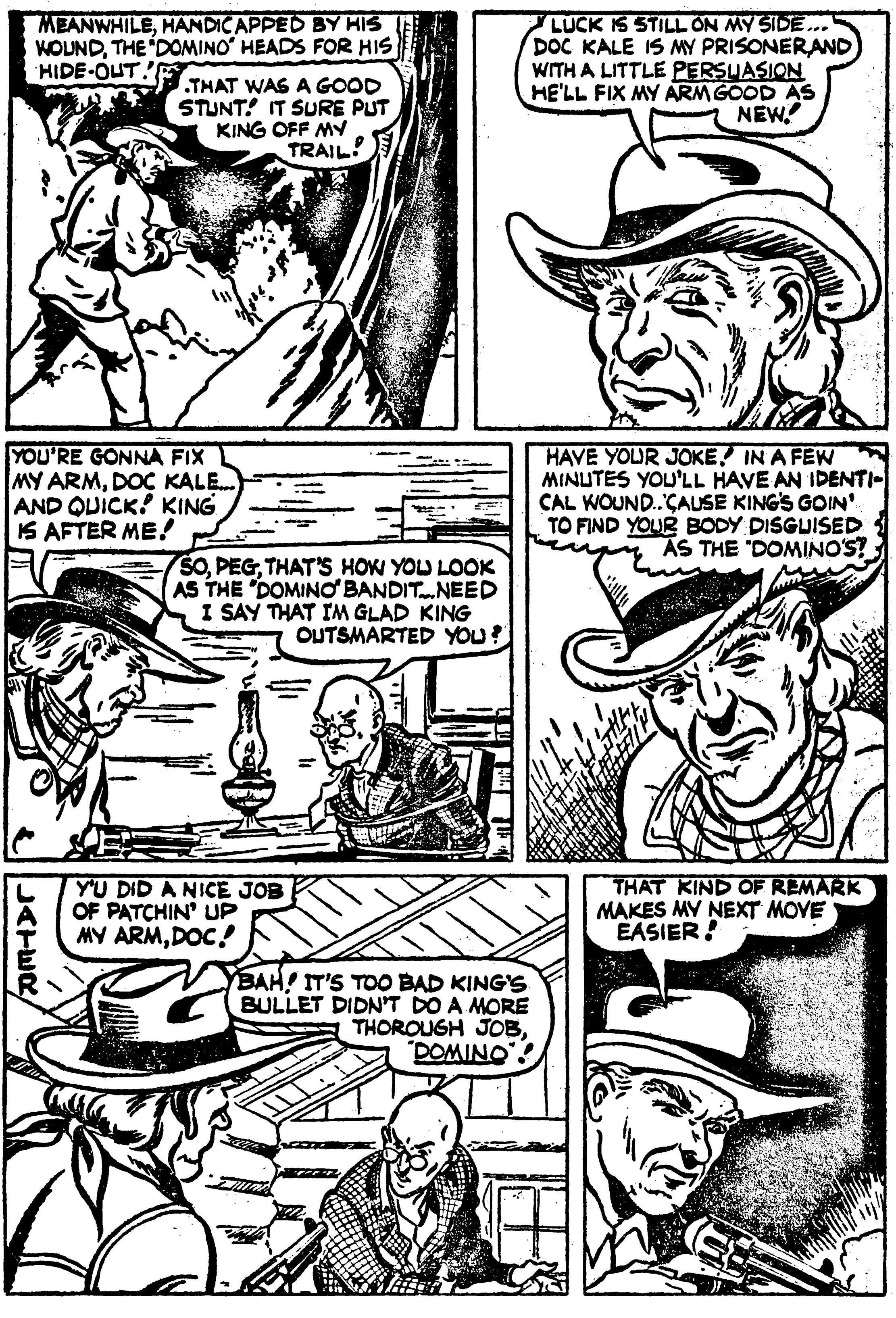

THE AIRPORT'S A LONG WAY OUT OF TOWN. I'D BETTER PHONE THE PRESIDENT OF CLINKERTON MINE!
CLINKERTON SHERIFF'S OFFICE
...AND BE SURE I DON'T MISS THE PLANE CARRYING THAT GOLD!
MR. BOWER, I'VE JUST LEARNED THAT THE "DOMINO" BANDIT INTENDS TO ROB YOUR GOLD-SHIPMENT PLANE....
BUT, KING...THAT GOLD LEFT TEN MINUTES AGO...BY RAIL EXPRESS
RTON RIFF'S FFICE
BY RAILROAD, EH? THANKS, SIR! THIS TIME THE LAUGH'S GOING TO BE ON THE "DOMINO"!
HAW-HAW! KING DOESN'T SUSPECT ME, 'CAUSE HE'S SURE TH' "DOMINO" BANDIT HAS TWO LEGS!
WHO'D THINK OL' PEG OWNS A FINE ARTIFICIAL LIMB...AND THAT HE'S NOT NEAR AS OLD AS THESE WHISKERS MAKE HIM LOOK....!

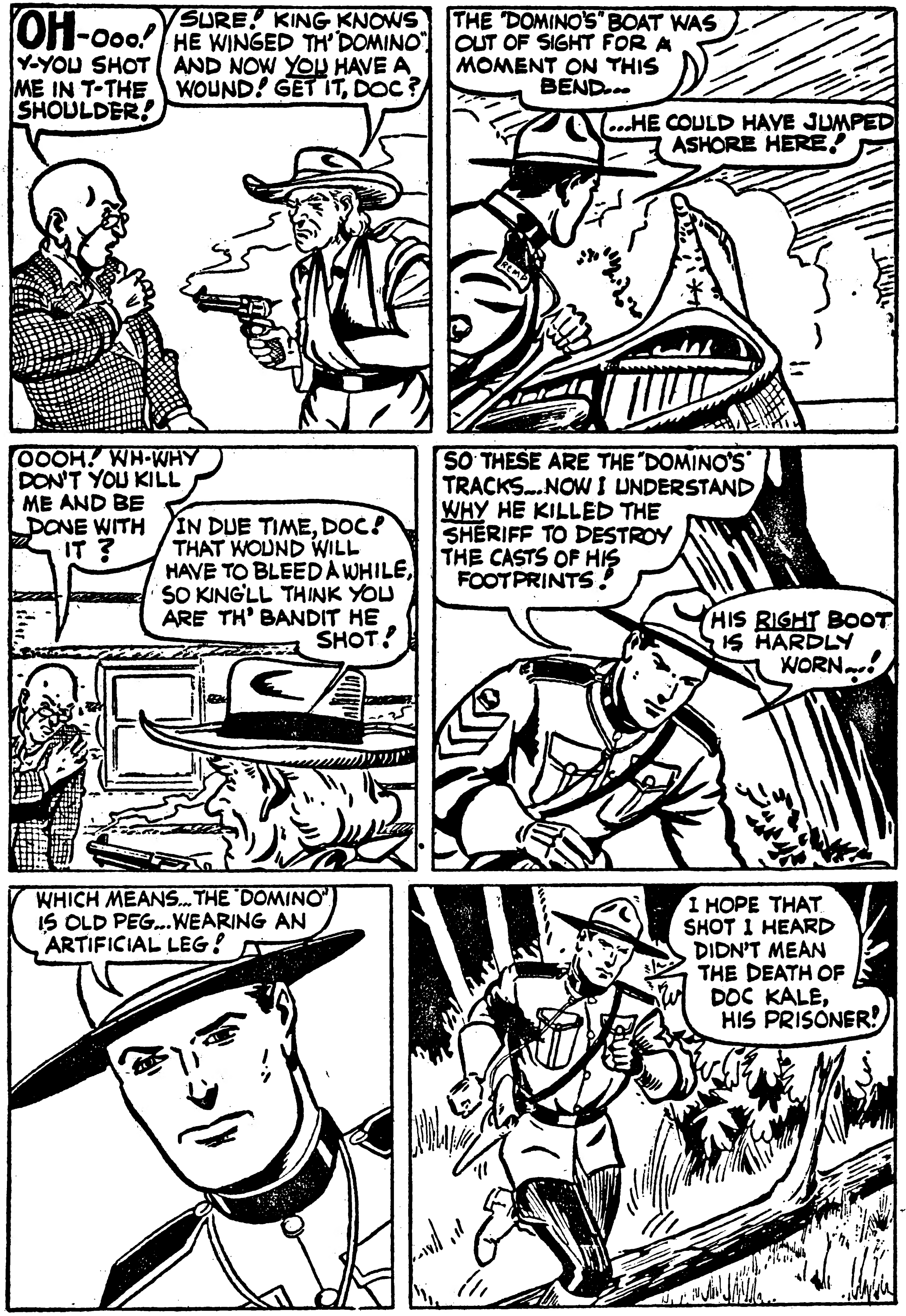

BUT
I CAN OVERTAKE THAT TRAIN ON THE GRADE TO CRIPPLED PIG PASS! WITH LUCK, I'LL BE ABOARD WHEN THE 'DOMINO' STRIKES!
THERE'S THE GOLD TRAIN OUR 'DOMINO' BANDIT PLANS TO ROB!
FASTER! IT'S ALMOST REACHED THE SUMMIT...IF WE DON'T CATCH IT NOW, THE "DOMINO" WILL WIN AGAIN!
MADE IT!
HEY! WHAT TH....?
GET ME INTO THE EXPRESS CAR, CONDUCTOR!...THIS TRAIN'S GOING TO BE ROBBED BY THE "DOMINO" BANDIT!
CONDUCTOR
RCMP
TOO BAD KING ISN'T ABOARD...THAT TRAIN'LL MAKE A PRETTY SPLASH WHEN IT HITS TH' RIVER!

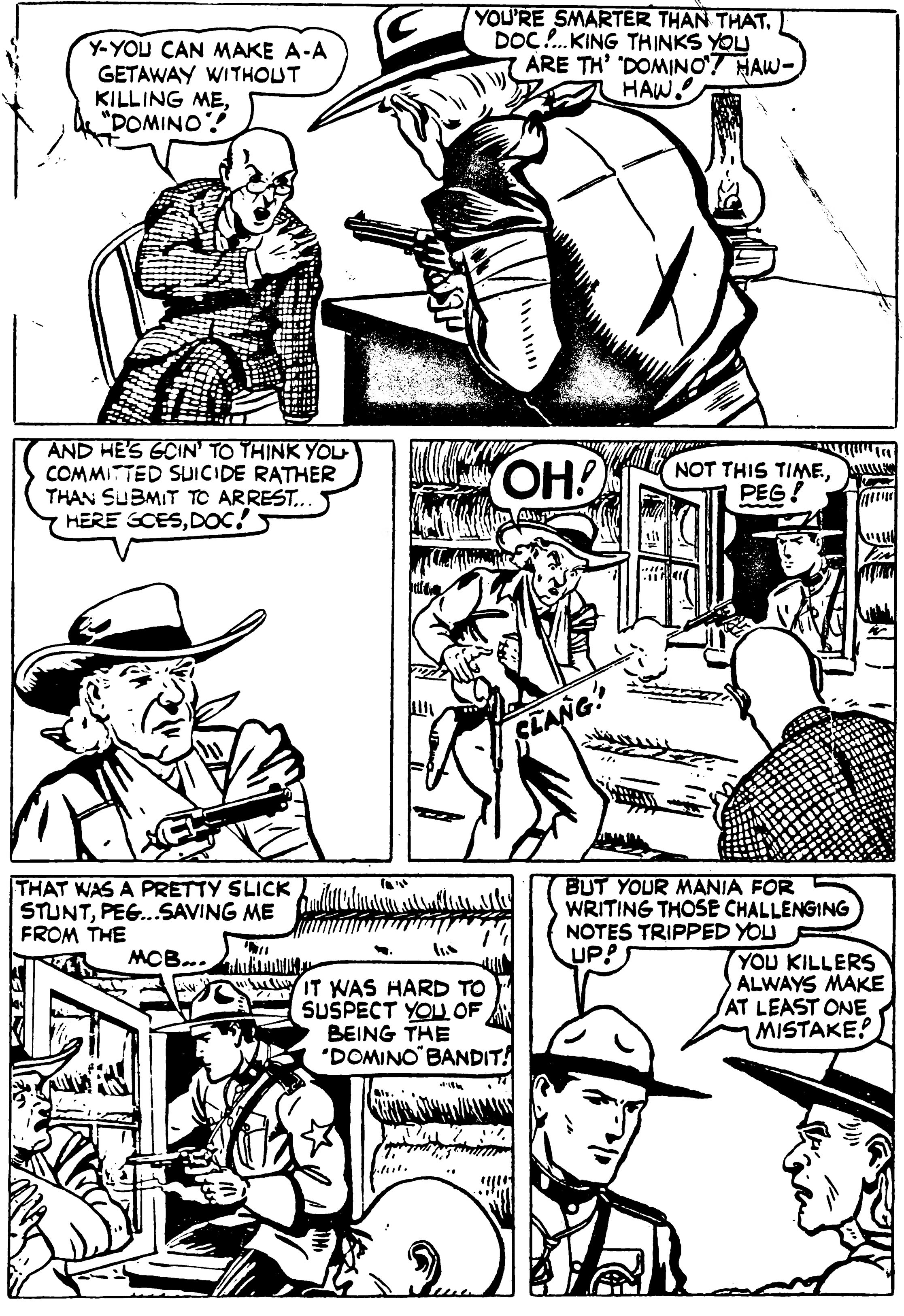

BEGORRA, KING, DO Y'U THINK THAT 'DOMINO' BANDIT WILL REALLY STOP THIS TRAIN?
I'M SURE HE INTENDS TO--.
HAW-HAW! THERE SHE GOES!
THAT'S ONE WAY TO STOP A TRAIN!
NOW TO GET MY BOAT AND TRANSFER THE GOLD...BUT QUICK!
LOOK OUT!..THERE'S TH' 'DOMINO'!
I-I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT!.. HOW DID KING GET ABOARD THAT TRAIN?
YA WINGED HIM, KING!


ARE YOU TWO OKAY? NO ONE ELSE IS HURT...
GOOD! THAT MEANS I CAN GO!
THIS IS THE PAY OFF FOR THE "DOMINO" BANDIT!
THAT CURRENT IS CARRYING HIM DOWNSTREAM FASTER THAN I CAN TRAVEL ALONG THE BANK!
FATE HAS PLAYED INTO THE "DOMINO" BANDIT'S HAND AGAIN!
I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH HIS BOAT...THE CURRENT IS MUCH TOO SWIFT!
RCMP
OH-OH! THERE'S A BREAK...A CANOE!
HMM! THE "DOMINO'S" BOAT IS ACTING QUEERLY....
.. IT'S OUT OF CONTROL! HE'S NOT GUIDING IT!

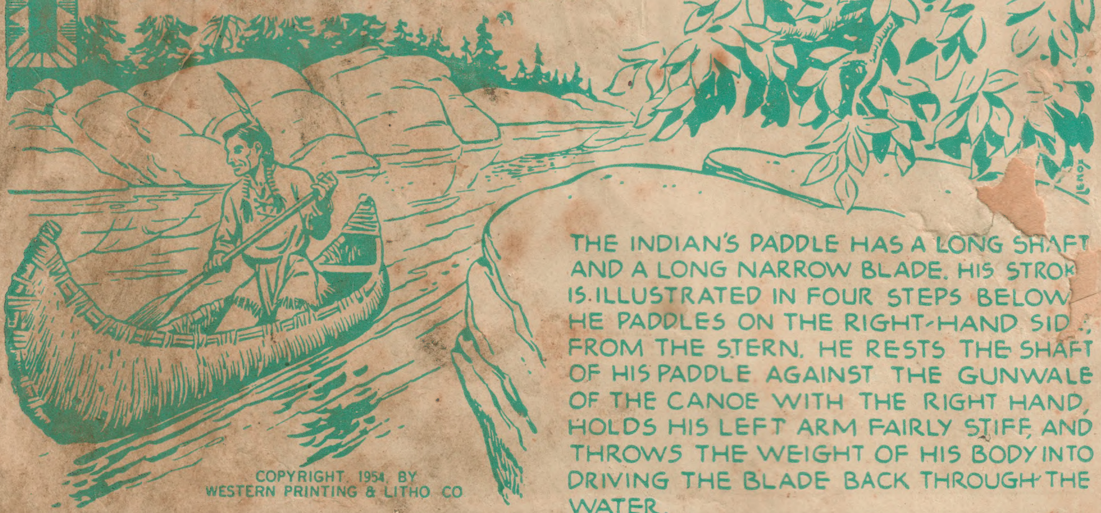

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW, "DOMINO" BANDIT!
THIS BIRCH CANOE WILL OVERTAKE YOUR ROW-BOAT IN A HURRY!
KING'S GAININ' ON ME!
I'VE GOT TO GET ASHORE..AND LET HIM CHASE AFTER AN EMPTY BOAT!
I WINGED HIM WHEN HE TRIED TO ROB THE GOLD TRAIN...MAYBE HE PASSED OUT!
HE PASSED OUT ALL RIGHT... RIGHT OUT OF MY GRASP!
SOME PLACE ALONG THIS RIVER BANK THE "DOMINO" BANDIT GOT ASHORE!
BUT WHERE?


MEANWHILE, HANDICAPPED BY HIS WOUND, THE "DOMINO" HEADS FOR HIS HIDE-OUT!
THAT WAS A GOOD STUNT! IT SURE PUT KING OFF MY TRAIL!
LUCK IS STILL ON MY SIDE... DOC KALE IS MY PRISONER AND WITH A LITTLE PERSUASION HE'LL FIX MY ARM GOOD AS NEW!
YOU'RE GONNA FIX MY ARM, DOC KALE... AND QUICK! KING IS AFTER ME!
SO, PEG, THAT'S HOW YOU LOOK AS THE "DOMINO" BANDIT... NEED I SAY THAT I'M GLAD KING OUTSMARTED YOU!
HAVE YOUR JOKE! IN A FEW MINUTES YOU'LL HAVE AN IDENTICAL WOUND..'CAUSE KING'S GOIN' TO FIND YOUR BODY DISGUISED AS THE "DOMINO'S"!
LATER
Y'U DID A NICE JOB OF PATCHIN' UP MY ARM, DOC!
BAH! IT'S TOO BAD KING'S BULLET DIDN'T DO A MORE THOROUGH JOB, "DOMINO"!
THAT KIND OF REMARK MAKES MY NEXT MOVE EASIER!


OH-Ooo! Y-YOU SHOT ME IN T-THE SHOULDER!
SURE! KING KNOWS HE WINGED TH' "DOMINO" AND NOW YOU HAVE A WOUND! GET IT, DOC?
THE "DOMINO'S" BOAT WAS OUT OF SIGHT FOR A MOMENT ON THIS BEND...
...HE COULD HAVE JUMPED ASHORE HERE!
RCMP
OOOH! WH-WHY DON'T YOU KILL ME AND BE DONE WITH IT?
IN DUE TIME, DOC! THAT WOUND WILL HAVE TO BLEED A WHILE, SO KING'LL THINK YOU ARE TH' BANDIT HE SHOT!
SO THESE ARE THE "DOMINO'S" TRACKS...NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY HE KILLED THE SHERIFF TO DESTROY THE CASTS OF HIS FOOTPRINTS!
HIS RIGHT BOOT IS HARDLY WORN...!
WHICH MEANS...THE "DOMINO" IS OLD PEG...WEARING AN ARTIFICIAL LEG!
I HOPE THAT SHOT I HEARD DIDN'T MEAN THE DEATH OF DOC KALE, HIS PRISONER!


Y-YOU CAN MAKE A-A GETAWAY WITHOUT KILLING ME, "DOMINO"!
YOU'RE SMARTER THAN THAT, DOC!...KING THINKS YOU ARE TH' "DOMINO"! HAW-HAW!
AND HE'S GOIN' TO THINK YOU COMMITTED SUICIDE RATHER THAN SUBMIT TO ARREST... HERE GOES, DOC!
OH!
NOT THIS TIME, PEG!
CLANG!
THAT WAS A PRETTY SLICK STUNT, PEG...SAVING ME FROM THE MOB...
IT WAS HARD TO SUSPECT YOU OF BEING THE "DOMINO" BANDIT!
BUT YOUR MANIA FOR WRITING THOSE CHALLENGING NOTES TRIPPED YOU UP!
YOU KILLERS ALWAYS MAKE AT LEAST ONE MISTAKE!

THE INDIAN CANOEIST



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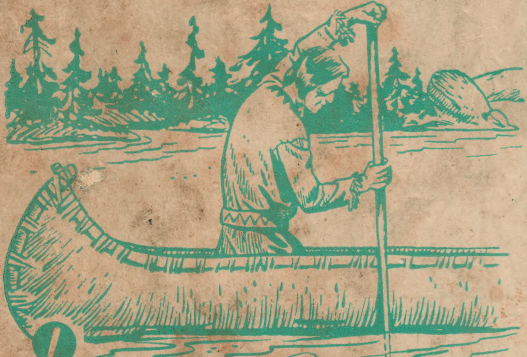
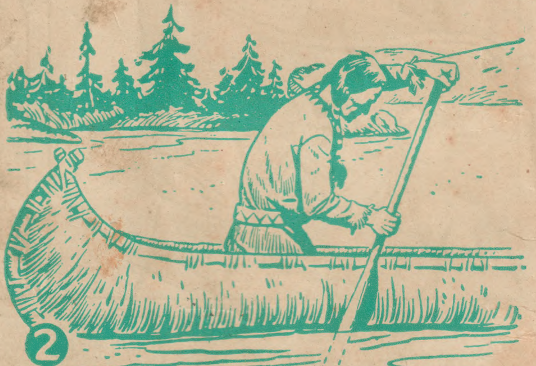
LONG BEFORE THE WHITE MAN CAME TO AMERICA, THE INDIAN WAS EXPERT AT PADDLING THE BIRCH-BARK CANOE AND THE DUGOUT CRAFT. HIS PADDLING STYLE LOOKS STIFF AND UNGRACEFUL TO THE WHITE CANOEIST — BUT HIS BIRCH BARK SKIMS THROUGH WATER WITH THE SPEED OF A SOUNDLESS ARROW!

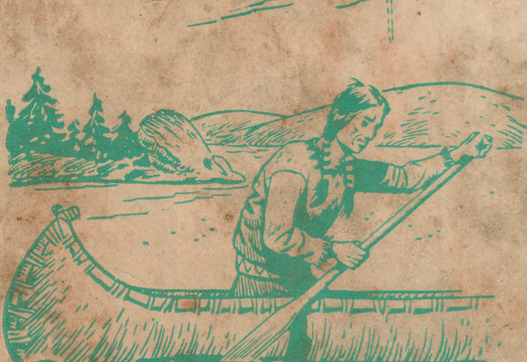
THE INDIAN'S PADDLE HAS A LONG SHAFT AND A LONG NARROW BLADE. HIS STROK IS ILLUSTRATED IN FOUR STEPS BELOW. HE PADDLES ON THE RIGHT-HAND SID, FROM THE STERN. HE RESTS THE SHAFT OF HIS PADDLE AGAINST THE GUNWALE OF THE CANOE WITH THE RIGHT HAND, HOLDS HIS LEFT ARM FAIRLY STIFF, AND THROWS THE WEIGHT OF HIS BODY INTO DRIVING THE BLADE BACK THROUGH THE WATER.

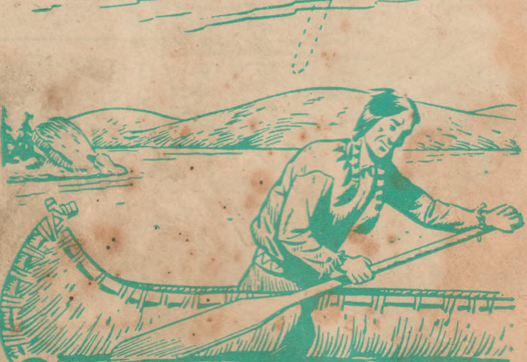
AS THE BLADE TRAVELS BACKWARD, THE INDIAN TURNS THE BUTT IN HIS LEFT HAND COUNTERCLOCKWISE TO MAKE THE BLADE TURN OUT (SEE DRAWINGS). THIS KEEPS THE CANOE ON ITS COURSE, INSTEAD OF VEERING TO THE LEFT.

IF YOU WANT TO SHOW UP YOUR FELLOW CANOEISTS, PRACTICE THE INDIAN STROKE.









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